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FOREWORD

The Providence Presbyterian Church of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina is an old church. No one now knows when the congregation first gathered in the " grove " for preaching. It must have been as early as 1764. The formal organization of this pioneer congregation into a church having a presbyterian form of government seems to have been about 1767. The early records have been lost. Providence Presbyterian Church has always been a family church. For this reason if fornno other the collection of its documents together into one bundle can certainly never satisfy all concerned. The immediate moral to be drawn from a study of the records is this, namely, that those who have been responsible for the preservation of the old documents, might have been better schooled in the historical mood.

There is also a cautionary word to be added here without further ado, namely, that documents are not necessarily correct because they happen to be ancient. Ancient documents may be informative but the information may or may not be correct.

An index has been added not so much to make the compilation look formidable as to aid the searcher in his cross-reference attempts. Even so, there can be no guarantee that the searcher will come up with the correct finding.

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alphabet in the index. The reader may also hold it against him for typographical errors in typing out the record and these will creep in in spite of constant checking.

We are not all trained in the same school of phonetics. Spelling varies greatly, particularly the spelling of names. In the oldest document which I have called a " fragment ", the original spelling and the corrections to the original spelling or lists of names as found in the documents themselves I have tried to preserve. This will be especially noticeable in the earliest list of church membership.

The historian must ceaselessly struggle with the unknown or x factor which is nothing more than the disconcerting habit of the female of the species who changes her surname as if in some deliberate attempt to mystify.

The records if pursued faithfully will indicate that Providence Church has sometimes underrated its greatness; and, that Providence has sometimes overrated its greatness. But this is a failing to which flesh is heir.

The pursuit of the truth serves one very useful purpose particularly for the pastor himself. I refer to the individual who always reminds his fellows that " it has always been done this-a-way ". This I should like to refute by a question and an answer. To such an one the question is this. In a church as old as Providence how many of its generations are you willing to speak for. We have eight in some instances, perhaps more. And the answer! No matter what

you think or feel to be the tradition or the custom it must now at long last be said, that Providence has tried it every way. This reply in itself indicates an enduring quality to this fourth and smallest of Mecklenburg's Colonial Churches. This people have always been ready to agree on major issues, disagree on minor matters, and do their best to display a measure of Christian charity in all things.

The collator is responsible for several reconstructions which have been produced out of the materials presented. Of such, there are the lists of ministers, supplies, elders, deacons and others through the years. There is a reconstruction of the so-called " charter member " list and of the membership after the revivals of 1802. Towards the back of the collection one may find the projected list of the grouping of Providence Church with sister churches through the years most illuminating.

One dare not close these introductory words without an expression of thanks for the kind and useful assistance of Lyle Dunn Knox, H. B. C. "Red Duck" Bryant, James A. Blakeney, Theresa Downs Niven, and others of the Providence congregation, in furnishing considerable of the materials and a great deal of the kindly inspiration that comes from friends likeminded. And to the peoples of Providence Community this record is given - for it is their own.

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Invocation	Rev. H. D. Maynard
Welcome	Mrs. Lindsay Annis
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History of Church	H. M. C. Bryant
Unveiling of Marker by Ann Lydall Van Every and Ralph Roe	
Introduction of Chairman of Historic Activities Committee	Mrs. R. A. Dunn
Presentation of Marker	Mrs. J. N. Roddy
Acceptance	James A. Blakeney
Benediction	Rev. H. D. Maynard

TEXT OF PAGES TORN FROM AN OLD SESSION BOOK

(1)"HISTORY OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH". IN THE HANDWRITING OF THE REVEREND SAMUEL WILLIAMSON

"Of the early history of this congregation and of its first organization the following sketch has been collected from the recollection and verbal statements of a few of the aged members spared to the present year 1839 — and from the Presbyterial records as far as they could be consulted from which it appears that the gospel was first preached in this place by

the Revd. Wm.Richardson of Waxhaw at private houses and such places as the scattering inhabitants at that early day might agree to meet and that he first preached in this congregation in the year 1764 or 1765 and that the first house for publick worship was built here in the year 1767.

"It appears further that a church (Presbyterian) was first regularly organized here by the Revd.Wm.Richardson in 1767 when the congregation elected and he ordained ruling Elders and the first Elders Andrew Rea,Archibald Crockett and John Ramsay and Aaron Howie.

"After the death of Mr.Richardson the congregation had preaching occasionally for 1 year from Revd. Mr. Findly of the Waxhaw and after Mr.Findly the Revd.Mr. Archibald preached occasionally and administered the ordinances here.

"The Congregation then hired the Revd.David Barr for one year,

and from that time had occasional preaching by different ministers as supplies until Mr. Wallis became the minister.

"The Revd.James Wallis a distinguished scholar and man of high order of talents as he was distinguished for sound Theological Knowledge and piety was the first Pastor of Providence Congregation.

"Mr. Wallis was ordained on the day of in the year of our Lord 1792 and installed pastor of Providence congregation at the same time which office he sustained as an able minister of the New Testament until his Lord called him from his field of labor on earth on the day of Nov. 1819.

"The Revd.Samuel C. Caldwell after the death of Mr.Wallis supplied the congregation of Providence giving them 1 third or 1 fourth of his time.

"In April 1821 The Revd.Robert H. Morrison having received a call from Providence congregation was ordained and installed at the same time Pastor of this congregation, which office he sustained one year, and in April 1822 he resigned the charge.

"The congregation was then vacant until April 1823 when they presented a call to the Revd. Samuel Williamson who was ordained on the 30th.day of May 1823 and installed Pastor of Providence congregation at the same time, which office he sustained until March 1840 when he resigned the charge (Note: the following sentence is in handwriting of Revd.S.C.Pharr)

and removed to Davidson College having been elected to fill the professorship of mathematics and subsequently the pres.

(Note: S.W. continues)

"The Congregation having prepared a call for the Revd.Cyrus Johnson, he was installed Pastor of Providence on the 1st. day of May 1840 ". ***

(2) HISTORY CONTINUED IN THE HANDWRITING OF THE REVEREND SAMUEL C. PHARR

*** and of Sharon on the 7th.day of Augt.1840 giving 2/3 of his time to Providence and the remaining 1/3 to Sharon. The Rev.Mr. Johnston sustained the pastoral relation to these united congregations until the close of the year 1845. Occasional supplies were enjoyed for a brief period and then, the services of Rev. R.E. Sherril were obtained, giving one half of the time to this church and the other half to Sharon. He was engaged on the first of Nov.1846, to supply until the end of the year and at the close of the year he was requested to continue the following year; but owing to delicate and declining health he was released from his charge on the 18th of October 1847. In the good providence of God the way opened immediately for securing the services of Rev. Samuel C. Pharr, who has been laboring with great success in both churches to the present date, Feb.14th.1854. He was ordained and installed pastor by the Presbytery of Concord at Sharon church on the 20th.of May 1848".

(3) HISTORY CONCLUDED IN THE HANDWRITING OF THE CLERK OF SESSION, WILLIAM REA, (TO THE YEAR 1859)

"During the summer of 1853 the Rev.Daniel Baker,D.D. of Texas while passing through this region, preached a series of sermons at Providence, and his labors being attended with the blessing of God many ( ) souls were gathered into the church. The congregation continued to enjoy the labors of the Rev. Dr. Pharr until the of 185 when he resigned his charge and was dismissed by Presbytery to connect himself with the Presbytery of Knoxville.

"It is worthy of note that the congregation of Providence during these last years has been reduced about one half. Many families have removed westward; and their places were not filled by Presbyterians, while a portion have gone to other denominations. But though fewer in numbers; more, in the aggregate, has been paid to the support of the gospel at home, and more contributed to the spread of religion abroad than at any previous time. After a brief interval the church of Providence in connection with Sharon secured the services of Mr. J. Rumple, a licentiate of Concord Presbytery, who was licensed at Rocky River church on Thursday the 31st.of July, 1856. He commenced his labors here on sabbath, the 24th.of Aug.1856. During the autumn of this year a call was made out for his services the one half of his time. Having accepted the call, he was solemnly ordained to the full work of the ministry by Concord Presbytery

on the 8th.day of Jan.1857 at Sharon church & installed pastor of that church. And on the 16th.of Jan.1857 he was installed Pastor of Providence church. During the year 1859 arrangements were made for the erection of a new church, and during the fall and winter & ensuing spring a new & commodious church was erected on the brow of hill opposite the old one. Cost by contract $ 2800.00. The old church was erected in 1804.

TEXT OF THE REV. SAMUEL M'CORKLE LETTER OF APRIL 2d. 1802
EYE-WITNESS OF THE REV. JAMES M'GREADY MEETINGS AT PROVIDENCE
QUOTED BY THE REV. WILLIAM HENRY FOOTE

"Letter V.

"April 2d,1802

"The subject of this is the meeting at New Providence.

"Extract, not in Mr.Hall's Narrative. At this meeting has been demolished an infidel objection that only weak nerves and minds are affected in this work. Here I saw prostrate, a young man, remarkable for the robustness of his body, and energy of his mind, and for opposition resolute and determined. 'O God', were his very words, 'and must I shrink now? Must I lie here an humble spectacle to the gaxing crowd?' After a pause, 'O God, have mercy': - but after another - 'Did I ever ask it before? No! but often for curses'. Another young man, the largest in the Assembly, was stricken down. But the most remarkable of all was a gentleman of a strong constitution, and a mind enlightened, and enlarged by science, and knowledge of the world - and in the school of infidelity, a master. This gentleman I saw soon after he was struck. He passed a night in horrors indescribable. I heard him declare the next morning that he believed this to be a supernatural work; and urged in proof the first of the above young men, 'whom I know', said he, 'to have both strength of nerves, and energy of mind; and yet he fell'.

"His own Narrative first obtained from another,April 27,1802,and

afterwards directly from himself, May 22, is in my letter-book, and is exactly as follows". (Here follows Letter VI)

EXTRACT FROM "DAVIDSON COLLEGE" BY CORNELIA REBEKAH SHAW CONCERNING ROBERT HALL MORRISON FIRST PRESIDENT OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE (Dec.21,1836) AND PASTOR OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH(April 1821-April 1822).

"Robert Hall Morrison was born September 8,1798. James,John and Robert Morrison, brothers, came to America from Scotland about 1750. Coming first to Pennsylvania, they removed to the Southern frontier, and settled on the Dobbs grant in the Rocky River District of Mecklenburg County. Robert Morrison was born in 1728 and died in 1810. His son, William Morrison, born in 1756, was a soldier of the Revolution, and agter the war established himself according to his needs as a farmer and miller. He married Abigail McEwen, and it is pertinent to note that James McEwen, brother of Abigail McEwen, was the first master of Dr.Hall's 'Clio's Nursery', and married a sister of Dr.Hall.

"Robert Hall Morrison, son of William Morrison, after a thorough schooling under John Makemie Wilson at Rocky River Academy, was sent to college at Chapel Hill. He entered Sophomore in 1815, and was graduated in 1818, ranking third in a very capable class. James K. Polk, who later became President of the United States, an extraordinarily punctual and diligent member of the class, took first honor.

"It was the example of John Makemie Wilson and John Robinson especially that led Robert H. Morrison into the ministry of the Church. He followed his studies in theology at home under

those remarkable men and for a year or two after 1820 was in charge of Providence Church, Mecklenburg County. For five years after 1822 he was pastor of the Church at Fayetteville, that old capital town. In 1827 he returned to Mecklenburg County to become pastor of Sugar Creek Congregation, which included the flourishing village of Charlotte. An entry in his notebook reads: 'In January,1833, I gave up my charge of the Church in Charlotte, that they might obtain preaching all the time, as one third was entirely too little and it was out of my power to give them more. The separation was of the most amicable kind. I was pastor of that church six years'.

"He had been paid a salary of $600, of which Charlotte contributed $200.

"During Mr.Morrison's stay in Fayetteville he received the honorary degree of A.M. from Princeton College. About the same time he was married to Miss Mary Graham, a daughter of General Joseph Graham, of Lincoln County, and a sister of Governor William A. Graham. General Graham was a veteran of the Revolution, and was well established as an iron founder at Vesuvius Furnace.

"Of Mr.Morrison's ability as an instructor, Dr. Ramsay, 1841, writes: He was a pleasant, impressive, and successful teacher. He questioned to learn what the student knew and lectured to impart his own knowledge. He filled any chair necessity re-

quired,

but generally taught Mathematics and the Sciences.

"As a preacher, Dr. Ramsay continues in his Memorial Address, 1887: He is remembered as a genuine pulpit orator. His style was easy, animated, earnest and pathetic - not artificial, but natural. His sermons were methodically and logically arranged, but he usually glided into his argument without special announcement. The College was peculiarly fortunate in having such types of oratory as were set forth by Dr. Morrison and Professor Sparrow.

"Dr. Miller(at the time and for years pastor of the First Church in Charlotte) said in a newspaper article prepared in 1889 that Dr. Morrison's ministry had been a 'ministry of power', - not non-committal and politic. It is difficult to estimate the work of any minister done so long ago, but it is evident that Robert Hall Morrison for many years of his long life was a minister of power.

"With fine native gifts, dignified manners, strong, practical mind, his was a magnetic personality. Though a Union man at heart, Dr. Morrison cast in his lot with his people, and espoused the cause of the Confederacy. Three of his sons became soldiers, and all were useful citizens in Church and State. Major William Morrison was a most efficient staff officer. Captain J.G.Morrison was Aide to General T.J.Jackson, and Captain R.H.Morrison was Aide to General D.H.Hill and was,

said General Hill, 'as efficient as it was possible for mortal man to be'. Five daughters married officers of the Confederate Army, viz. - General Thomas J. Jackson, General Daniel Harvey Hill, Colonel John E. Brown, General Rufus Barringer, and Major Alphonso C. Avery.

EXTRACT FROM THE ABOVE SOURCE CONCERNING SAMUEL WILLIAMSON SECOND PRESIDENT OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE (July 1, 1841) AND PASTOR OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH(May 1823 - March 1840).

"President Williamson was born in York County, South Carolina, on June 12, 1795, the son of a Scotch-Irish, soldier elder. His father and his four brothers were soldiers of the Revolution. Born and reared in those years of national stress and strain, he was inured to hard work. He was taught by Rev. Robert B. Walker of South Carolina and Rev. James Wallis of Providence Academy in North Carolina. After teaching long enough to procure the means to complete his education, he entered the Senior Class of South Carolina College in 1817. The president of his Alma Mater who had presided over it during its entire existence, in testifying to his worth wrote: Mr. Williamson has sustained an unblemished character, and by his industry, talents and learning, has acquired the esteem and respect of all his teachers. In my opinion few young men can rank with him for eminent abilities, and I declare that I know no graduate of this college whom I would more readily recommend as being qualified to be an instructor of youth.

"After leaving the College (which is now the University of South Carolina), he lived in the home of Rev. James Adams and was principal of Bethel Academy in York County. He evidently studied theology with his host, as he was licensed to preach in 1822 and was married to the daughter of his teacher a short time thereafter.

"Dr. Williamson was a man of fine physique and of unusual mental and physical endurance. His was a well-trained mind; and with a retentive memory he was able to teach a variety of subjects that would be the despair of the average professor of to-day. A student who lived in his home for three years described him as being gentle and dignified in his home life. He attracted the young men under his care with his magnetic personality. A criticism by one of his students was that he pitched his voice too high in public speaking and never lowered it. When some of the country people once attempted to tell him of some student-misdeed, he replied: 'I don't want to hear the bad. Tell me the good the boys did'.

EXTRACT FROM THE ABOVE SOURCE CONCERNING JETHRO RUMPLE PASTOR OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH (Jan.1857 - Oct.1860)

"To provide for the increase in number of students a new dormitory was built. It was called Rumple for one of the sons of Davidson, Rev. Jethro Rumple, 1850. Dr. Rumple was pastor of the Church at Salisbury, and was Secretary of the Board of Trustees from 1878 until his death in 1906. He had been a member of the Board since 1858. The service he rendered the College cannot be measured. He was a wise and conservative counsellor, who labored incessantly for the good of the Institution.

EXCERPS FROM THE REV. DANIEL BAKER, D.D. LETTER OF AUGUST 31st. 1853 QUOTED BY WILLIAM M. BAKER IN "THE LIFE AND LABOURS OF THE REV. DANIEL BAKER, D.D."

"Steel Creek Church, August 31st.1853

"My last meeting was held at Providence church. it closed on last Thursday. It was greatly blessed. The pastor (Samuel C. Pharr) tells me that the number of converts is one hundred and three, and these, as usual, chiefly men. The contribution to the College amounted to about three hundred dollars. -----.

"Immense congregations attend upon my preaching -- every Sabbath perhaps three thousand. People come from a great distance, and I am told there has not been such a glorious revival in North Carolina for the last fifty years. To God be all the glory!

TEXT OF PAGES TORN FROM AN OLD SESSION BOOK: EXCERPTS IN THE HANDWRITING OF SAMUEL WILLIAMSON, CLERK OF SESSION, PRO TEM.

"17th of May,1839. The Session met at the Call of the Moderator. Present. Wm.Cunningham, John Wicks, James Black, Neil M. Stitt and Wm.Rea. Constituted with prayer. ----------

EXCERPTS FROM THE ABOVE IN THE HANDWRITING OF CYRUS JOHNSTON, CLERK OF SESSION, PRO TEM.

"May 2, 1840. Session met at the call of the Moderator.-----.

"May 23, 1840. Notice had been given by the Moderator of Session, in the latter part of the winter, that it was his wish to meet the youth of the congregation in different neighborhoods so as to make it convenient to attend, for the purpose of catechisical instruction. The first ten Questions of the Shorter Catechism had been prepared, and upon this date the first visitation of the pastoral charge was finished. Nine different meetings were held in Providence; and four in Sharon; and they were attended by 240 or 250 persons who were examined.------.

"Aug.3rd.1840. According to appointment previously made the congregation of Providence met this dat at the Church, and elected by a regular vote of the congregation, James Matthews, Robert C. Barnett, and Jos.Wicks to the office of the Eldership.

"Aug.23rd.1840. Upon this day after publick service, James Matthews, and Robert C. Barnett, were ordained to the office of the Eldership, in the manner prescribed in the form of government of the Presbyterian Church. As Mr.Wicks could not obtain his consent to serve the church in this office his ordination did not take place. ----------.

"Aug.3rd.1840 (the entry occurs in this order-H.D.H.). At a publick meeting of the congregation at Providence Church, and by a unanimous vote, Col. John E. Stitt was appointed Treasurer; and Robt.Small, John Stitt,Jr. and Wm.Hudson were appointed a Committee; and these four men were directed to prepare rules for the management of secular concerns of the church and to superintend the same".

"Sept.13,1840. Session met at the call of the Moderator------.

"Nov.1840. Finished a second visitation of the young people, and

examined them on second ten Questions of the Shorter Catechism. About one hundred attended these meetings for examination.

"Dec.26th.1840. The members of Providence congregation met according to previous notice for the purpose of electing deacons: The Rev. Cyrus Johnston, pastor, was called to the chair, and John E. Stitt to act as Secretary of the meeting: Whereupon, after some remarks from the chair, on motion of Mr. Cunningham,
Resolved, that the congregation now proceed to the election of four men to fill the office of deacon. The election accordingly took place and Robt.Small, John Stitt,Jr.,John E. Stitt and J.E.Sample were duly elected.----------.

"Dec.26th.1840. The Session convened -------.

"Dec.27th.1840. The Lord's Supper was administered today.-----. The young people of the congregation were examined at different places in the congregation, on the 2nd.ten questions of the Shorter Catechism - the attendance was about as good as it was in the Spring.

"Jan.10th.1841. Session met -----.

"Feb.21st.1841. After publick service on this day, three of members, who had been elected to fill the office of deacon, viz., Robt.Small, E;J;Sample, and John Stitt,Jr., were duly ordained to that office.-------. (E.J.S. should read J.E.S.)

"March 7th.1841. The Session reports to Presbytery that we have received on examination during the past year 7 members - baptized I adult and 12 infants: and that we have enrolled a total of 107 communicants.

"April 18th.1841.

"May 1st.1841. Session met at the call of the Moderator.----.

"Sept.5th.1841. There has been in Providence during the past summer for the Board of Dom.-Missions ---- $ 8.90
For.Missions ---- 12.30
Education --- 6.45

"Oct.9th.1841. Session met at the call of the Modr. and was constituted with prayer.------.

"Oct.10th.1841. Session met according to adjournement.----.

"Dec. 1841. The examination of the young people on the Shorter Catechism was completed-- The attendance continues to be encouraging - from 200 to 250 persons in partoral charge give attendance.

"March 30th.1842. Session of Providence reports to Presby. that during the past year we have received into communion of church, by examination 5 members - baptized 4 adults; and 12 infants- that we took up a collection for the Board of For.Missions $16.00; and $13.65 for the Board of Domestic Missions.

"April 29,1842. The Session met at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

"April 30, 1842. The Session again convened.------.

"May 1st.1842. The Session again met.------." Note - - The Church would thankfully acknowledge the reception of a neat Quarto Bible, which has been presented to the Pulpit by some of the young men of the congregation.

"May 15th.1842. Completed another examination of the young people of the congregation on the Shorter Catechism. The interest in this exercise has considerably increased, as is manifested by the fact that more have attended the meetings this spring than ever before.

"Sept.10th.1842. The Session met at the Session house, at the call of the moderator, and was constituted by prayer.-------.

"Dec.28th.1842. Notice having been previously given, the church on this day held a publick meeting. The meeting was organized by appointing Mr.C. Pierce, Chairman, and Mr.N.M.Stitt, Secretary. It was then stated, after prayer by the pastor, that the object of the meeting was to consider the monies matters of the church.-------.

"Feb.12th.1843. Note. Whereas the Session of Providence Church has become weak owing to the age, infirmity, and death of members, And whereas, the churches of Providence and Sharon, united, form one pastoral charge, previous notice having been given, on this day, by a publick vote of the congregation, Dr. J.W.Ross, and Wm.Ross, both members of this congregation, and Elders of Sharon Church, were invited to take seats as regular members of the Session of Providence Church.

"March 26th.1843. ----.

"April 12th.1843. The Session of the Church of Providence reports to the Presbytery of Concord that during the past year we have added to the roll of communicants 13 members - and baptized 9 infants. Total now in communion 110 members. We have collected for the Board of For.Missions $12.00 - for the Board of Dom. Missions $8.50 - for the Commissioners' fund $4.00. And for the Board of Education $32.20.#

"April 15,1843. The Session met at the call of the Modr. and was constituted with prayer.-----.

"May 7th.1843. Session met at the call of the Modr. ----------.
One dollar proved to be counterfeit. (Note added bottom page)

"Oct.6th.1843. The Session met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer. -----.

"Oct.7th.1843. Session met. -------.

"Dec.28th.1843. On this day the congregation of Providence held its annual meeting. Col. S. Reid was called to the chair; and Robt.Small appointed secretary. The meeting was open with prayer by the Pastor.
"The first business taken up was an election of Ruling Elders, previous notice having been given that the election would be held to-day.
"Whereupon, it was unanimously resolved that the congregation as a whole vote for each Elder to be elected, and that the election be not held by quarters as heretofore in this congregation. After which the following named members of this church were duly elected to the office of Ruling Elder, viz.

Messrs. James Parks
John Stitt
John N. Stitt
Robt. Lewis
Robt. Grier
and Jos.N.Reid.

"-------With a view to aid the Deacons in making collections the following named persons were appointed as assistants, viz.

Messrs. Wm.Gray
Wm.McG.Matthews
Robt,Cunningham
John Weeks (Wicks)
John McN.Houston
John Black.

(In handwriting of Cyrus Johnston but this 12/28/1843 minute signed Robt,Small,Sec.)

"July 1st.1843. (The entry occurs in this order- H.D.H.)
--the Church of Providence observed the Bicentenary anniversary of the meeting of the Westminster Assembly of Divines.
(Here follows resolutions and rules concerning a church library)

"-----Note - Wm.M. Matthews, Esq. was appointed Librarian and Treasurer.

"March 24th.1844. Upon this day, three of the men having been elected to the Office of Ruling Elder in this congregation, having declaring their willingness to accept the same, Messrs. James Park, Robt.Grier, and Jos.N.Reid, were ordained according to the form prescribed in our form of government. The others elected were not yet prepared in their own minds to accept the office, but it is hoped they will at some future day.

(Pages 67 to 74 missing)

"Dec.27th.1844. According to previous notice the Church of Providence on this day held its annual meeting. On motion Col.J. Black was called to the chair; and Col. J.E.Stitt requested to act as secretary of the meeting. On motion, Wm. M. Matthews, John Stitt, and Jos.E.Sample were appointed a committee to examine our subscription papers: - the payment of the Pastor's Salary: - and arrearages, and report as soon as possible. --------.
"And further resolved that Robt.Grier, J.N.Reid, A.J.Ezzell, J.E.Sample, Wm.Grey, and Jas.Parks, be appointed a committee to carry the above resolutions into effect. (i.e. re. arrearages).-----.
"Ordered that our Deacons, John Stitt, and J.E.Sample have some repair done upon the windows and doors of the church.-----.

"Jan.11th.1845. The congregation of Providence met according to adjournement. -----. Wm.M.Matthews was called to the chair, and Wm.Grey was appointed Secretary. (here follow financial matters concerning the pastoral relationship).

"Whereas the congregation has become greatly weakened by the death of members, Resolved that Jos.N.Reid be appointed our delegate to give notice to the congregation of Sharon, that we are now ----- (here follows missing pages 77 to 80).

TEXT OF PAGES TORN FROM AN OLD SESSION BOOK: EXCERPTS IN THE HANDWRITING OF ROBT. GRIER, CLERK PRO TEM.(AND SEVERAL OTHER UNIDENTIFIED UNSIGNED MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1847 TO JULY 1851)

"May 22nd.1847. The session of Providence church met and was opened with prayer------.

"Sept.20,1847. Session met & was opened with prayer.------.

"Sept.22,1847.-------.

"Nov.1847. A Congregational meeting was held and the following gentlemen were elected ruling elders of the church of Providence; Col. James A. Dunn & Andrew Jackson Izzel; both of whom have signified their willingness to serve.

"Feb.1848. Another meeting of the Congregation being called, the following gentlemen were elected Deacons of this church; Messrs. Joseph C. Ross and John M. Reid, both of whom have signified their acceptance.

"March 1848. On the 30th of March the above named gentlemen were ordained by the imposition of hands by the Rev. I.F.W. Freeman of Charlotte.
"After this ordination the votes of the Congregation were taken in respect to preparing a call for the services of Rev. Saml. C. Pharr for one half of his time. Mr. Freeman was invited to preside at the meeting and testify to the proceedings. The vote was unanimous that a call should be prepared and sent up to Presbytery and put into Mr.Pharr's hands. On a subsequent day the 9th.of April the congregation expressed their willingness to regard the Elders and Deacons as a committee and request them to sign the call as their representatives; which was accordingly done.

"Nov.20th.1847. (The entry occurs in this order- H.D.H.)

"June 20th.1848.-----.

"April 21st.1849. ----.

"April 6th.1850. The Church of Providence reports to the Presbytery of Concord that we have received by examination the last year 7 members baptized adults 3 infants 2 Total Communicants 121.

"July 25th.1850. Session met at the call of the Moder. -----.

"February 2nd.1851. A meeting of the members of Providence Church the Collectors paid the Rev. Saml C. Pharr the amount of the Subscription Due for 1850 and recd.his recpt for the same date April 4th.1851 225.00.

"April 1st.1851. James A. Dunn appointed to Presbytery. Paid to Foreign Missions 20.00 to Comestic Missions 10.00

May 18th.1851. ----.

"May 25,1851. ---.

"July 26 1851. ---.

"-----. For the year 1851 the Church of Providence has paid the sum of $225 being the amount of Supscription Due the Rev. S.C. Pharr for that year in full and has his recpt for the same. Paid Foreign Missions 16.00 Domestic Missions 15.50.

"The Committee appointed to examine the records of Providence Church report to Presbytery that they have performed that duty, and find the records in a very confused state. The first record on the minutes after the previous examination by Presbytery, is that of the admission of a number of persons to the communion of the church without any record of a regular meeting of the session at all. Afterwards another record of the same sort-then a report to Presbytery, and afterwards a meeting of session, but it is not stated that it was opened with prayer - then various records are made, and it is not stated that the meeting was closed at all. It has no signature.

"Thus far Examined & Approved. April 10th.1852. R.H.Morrison,Modr.

TEXT OF PAGES TORN FROM AN OLD SESSION BOOKS; EXCERPS IN THE HANDWRITING OF S. C. PHARR.

"April 10th.1852. The session of Providence church met in the session room and was constituted with prayer. Present, Messrs. Stitt, Dunn, Ray, Ezell, Reid and Grier.-----.

"April 11th.1852. The session met according to adjournement. Present, Messrs.Dunn, Stitt, Barnet, Ray, Grier. -----.

"Friday,August 13,1852. The session of Providence church met in their session room. Present, Messrs,Reid,Stitt,Dunn,Ezell, Grier and Barnet.------.

"Saturday,August 14th.1852. -----.

"Sabbath morning,August 15,1852.------.

"Oct.17th.1852. The session met for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Synod which will be held in Danville on the 21st.of October 1852. Mr. E.C.Barnet was appointed Principal; and Mr. Robt.J. Grier Alternate. This meeting not contemplating judicial business, it was not deemed necessary to open and close with prayer.-----.

"March 27th.1853.-----.

"Dec.22,1847. (the entry seems to occur in this order here-H.D.H.) The Congregation of Providence met this day and on assembling Col. W.A.Dunn was called to the Chair and Mr. W.M.Matthews requested to act as secretary. The object being then explained the following resolutions were agreed on;
Resolved Ist. that we endeavour to raise $225. for Mr.Pharr, as his salary for one half of his time;
Resolved 2nd. that we do unanimously agree that a call be made out by the next Presbytery for Mr.Pharr.

"Jan.21,1848. Agreeable to previous notice some of the members of the chh. met for the purpose of electing Deacons. On motion R. C. Barnet was called to the chair and John E. Stitt to act as secretary; whihc meeting resulted in the election of W.M. Matthews, Joseph C. Ross & John Reid to fill the office of Deacons.

(Signed' R.C.Barnet, John E. Stitt)

"April 9th.1853. The eldership and deaconry of Prov.church submit to Pres. the following report:
They have paid their pastor the Rev. Saml.C.Pharr the sum of 225 dollars for one half of his time during the past year. They have also raised 25 dollars additional to his salary for the year 1853.
They have collected for For.Miss $32.50 cts. and for Dom.Miss. $32.05 cts. They have received on examination three new members. on certificate ----three.

Dismissed on certificate ,	two	
Infant baptisms ----	four	Families
White comm. ------	eighty-six	Twenty
Colored comm. ----	twenty-four	Seven

----.

"Jan.5th. ---?--. The congregation of Providence mey to day, Mr.Wm.Rhea in the Chair and John M. Matthews secretary. Messrs. J. N. Ross, James Cunningham, and Wm.McKee were elected Ruling elders.-------.

"Messers Ross and McKee having accepted were ordained by prayer

and imposition of hands on the 25th.of Feb.1855.
(the Jan.5th.date should probably then read 1855. H.D.H.)

(page missing,apparently 87-88)

"May 25th 1854. (the entry seems to occur in this order- H.D.H.)
Session Room. Providence. The session met and was constituted
by prayer. Present,Messrs. Stitt, Dun, Ezell, Reid, Grier,
Ray, Barnet. ----.

"May 26th.1854, Saturday morning. -----.

"May 27th.1854. Sabbath morning. ----.

"August 6th.1854. Prov.Session Room, at Prov.Church.
The session met and were constituted with prayer by the Mod.
Present, all. ----.

"August 7th.1854. Sabbath morning. The session convened. Present
as before. ---.

"August 27th. (No year: Sabbath would fall on Aug.28,1854).
"Sabbath morning. The session met and not being convened for
judicial business they -------.

"Feby.24th. (No year)
"The session met and were constituted by prayer. Present, Messrs.
Ray, Grier, Reid.----,

"Feb.25th. The session met and were engaged in consulting
about the ordination of elders, which, it was determined
should take place this morning. -----.
(The yeari probably 1855. See entry under date Jan.5th.above).

"Sabbath March 11, 1855. -----. Present at this meeting.
Messrs. Ray, Dunn, Stitt, Reid, McKee, J.N.Ross.

"This book does not appear to have been examined by Presbytery
since April 1855 (read 1852 -H.D.H.). Several meetings of the
session were neither opened nor closed with prayer. Persons
have been received into the church on ex. without entering
their names in the record of the business, and the session
orders baptism of one or two persons, where there is no evi-
dence upon record that they had been examined on experimental
religion. The pages of the book are not numbered. With these
exceptions the record being examined and approved thus far.
Goshen Church, April 6th.1855 (Signed) T. F. Johnston, Moderator.
(Numbering of pages throughout by a later hand - H.D.H.)

"Prov.Session-Room May 12th.1855. Saturday morning. The session convened and were constituted by prayer. Present Messrs. Reid, Grier, McKee, Ross, Ray, Dun, Stitt. ----.

"May 13, Sabbath morning, 1855. -----.

"August 5th.1855. Prov.Session Room. The session met and were constituted with prayer by the Mod. Present Messrs Reid,Stitt, McKey, and Rhea.-----.

"August 17th. 1855. The session reassembled and the same persons were present as at the last meeting with the addition of Col.Dunn.----.

TEXT OF PAGES TORN FROM AN OLD SESSION BOOK; EXCERPTS IN THE HANDWRITING OF WILLIAM REA, CLERK.

"Session Room, Providence Church. Feb.10, 1856. Session being convened informally, Rev. Saml.C.Pharr,D.D. signified his desire to session that a congregational meeting be called on Monday, Feb.11,'56 to obtain the consent of the congregation for the severance of the Pastoral Relation existing between him and this church. The congregational meeting was ordered.-----.

"Providence Church,Feb.11,1856. The congregational meeting was organized by calling Col. J. A. Dunn to the chair & the request of our pastor was presented, for a release from the congregation as Pastor, in order that he might accept an appointment to the chair of Professor of languages in the college located at Knoxville,Tenn. ----.

"Prov. Apr.20,1856. -----.

"June 7th.1856. Session convened and was constituted by prayer by the Moderator, Rev. S. Williamson D.D. -----.

(Pages missing)

"March 4: 1860. Session met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer. Present, Wm.Rea, N.M.Stitt, Robert Grier, J.N.Reid, Wm.N.McKee, & J.N.Ross.-----.

"Session Room, March 18th.1860. Session met at the time appointed. Present as before with the exception of Robt.Grier.---.

"Examined and disapproved. The following exceptions.
1. Badly kept. 2nd. Irregularity in expelling a member.
3. Some meetings without any Elders.
Steel Creek G. D. Parks, Mod.

"June 24th.1860. Session met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Present. Rev. J. Rumple, the Moderator, with Elders Wm.Rea, N. M. Stitt, Robert Grier, J. N. Reid, Wm.N. McKee & J. N. Ross. -----.

"Sept.26, 1860. Session met and was open with prayer by the Moderator. Present Rev. J. Rumple Elders N.M.Stitt, Robt.Grier J.N.Reid, J.N.Ross.-----.

FROM THE TEXT OF THE TORN PAGES OF AN OLD SESSIONAL RECORD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN DERIVED CONCERNING PASTORS, ELDERS AND DEACONS OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH FROM 1767 UNTIL 1860.
(Material in parentheses explanatory and not part of original)

(1) Pastors and Supplies

1. William Richardson, pastor pro tem 1767
(Pastor at The Waxhaws, 1759 - 1771)
Founder of Providence Church

2. (Thomas Reese and other supplies 1772 - 1782)

3. Robert Findley (supply)
(licensed before May 1784)

4. Robert Archibald (supply)
(ordained before May 1782, Pastor Rocky River/Poplar Tent)

5. David Barr (supply)
(licensed before May 1782)

6. (James McRee - supply, Pastor Steel Creek c. 1778 - 1797)

7. James Wallis (Founder & Headmaster Providence Academy)
1792 to Nov.1819

8. Samuel C. Caldwell (supply)
(Pastor Sugaw Creek, c. 1792 - 1826)

9. Robert H. Morrison (pastor) April 1822 to April 1823
(first President Davidson College)

10. Samuel Williamson (pastor) May 30, 1823 to March 1840
(second President Davidson College)

11. Cyrus Johnston (pastor) cMay 1, 1840 to Dec.31, 1845
(agent,1844, Davidson College Endowment Campaign)

12. R. E. Sherrill (probably supply - no record of installation)
(1st.Secy.Davidson College Eumenean) Nov.1, 1846 to Oct.13, 1847

13. Samuel C. Pharr (pastor) c.Nov.1847 to Feb.11,1856

14. Hethro Rumple (pastor) ~~after June 7, 1856~~ Jan.16,1857 to after Sept.26,1860
(Davidson College Bd.of Trustees 1858-1906. Secy.1873-1906)

(2) Elders: (not including elders-elect but not ordained)

1. Elders listed by Samuel Williamson in his part of the historical sketch.

Andrew Rea (Four-Mile Creek area of Providence)	O&I	1767
John Ramsay	O&I	1767
Aaron Howie (Lower Providence)	O&I	1767
Archibald Crockett (Lower Providence)	O&I	1767

2. Elders listed by Samuel Williamson in his list of Communicant Church Members 1839 - 1840

William Cunningham (died Oct.1843)	O&I	before 1840
John Wicks (Weeks) (died May 3, 1840)	O&I	before 1840
James Black (died Sept.1842)	O&I	before 1840
Neil M. Stitt (died Jan.14,1865)	O&I	before 1840
William Rea	O&I	before 1840

3. Elders ordained and installed in the Cyrus Johnston pastorate.

James Matthews (his name does not appear again)	O&I	Aug. 23, 1840
Robert C. Barnett (died Oct.20, 1854)	O&I	Aug. 23, 1840

Corresponding Members of the Session: Elders of Sharon(their names do not appear again)

Dr. J. W. Ross	Feb.12,1843
William Ross	Feb.12,1843

Other Providence Elders during this pastorate

James Parks	O&I	March 24,1844
Robert Grier (died Feb.5, 1889)	O&I	March 24,1844
Joseph N. Reid (died April 1, 1885)	O&I	March 24,1844

4. Elders ordained and installed between the Johnston and Pharr pastorates by Rev. I. F. W. Freeman, of Charlotte, N.C.

James A. Dunn (died Feb.15, 1860)	O&I	March 30,1848
Andrew J. Ezzell (Izell,Ezell,etc. died Dec.5, 1854)	O&I	March 30,1848

5. Elders ordained and installed in the Samuel C. Pharr pastorate.

J. N. Ross	(died May 17, 1864)	O&I	Feb.25, 1855
William N. McKee		O&I	Feb.25, 1855

6. Last entry in the pages torn from an old sessional book show the active elders in 1860 to have been Messers.Rea, Stitt, Grier, Reid, Ross, McKee, in the Rumple pastorate.

(3) Deacons:

1. "Preliminary diaconate"in the Cyrus Johnston ministry.

John E. Stitt	No ordination or installation	
Robert Small	/ August 3, 1840	"
John Stitt, Jr.	"	"
William Hudson	"	"

2. Deacons ordained and installed during the Cyrus Johnston pastorate.

Robert Small	(transferred)	O&I	Feb.21, 1841
J. E. Sample	(died Aug.13, 1871)	O&I	Feb.21, 1841
John Stitt, Jr.		O&I	Feb.21, 1841

3. Deacons ordained and installed between the Johnston and Pharr pastorates by Rev. I. F. W. Freeman, of Charlotte, N.C.

Joseph C. Ross	(died July 1887)	O&I	March 30,1848
John M. Reid	(died May 12, 1872)	O&I	March 30,1848

SUPPLEMENTAL LISTS TO THOSE OF PRECEDING PAGES WITH REGARD THE CHURCH OFFICERS FROM 1767 UNTIL 1860.

(1) First Known Group of Elders (from various historical writings, etc.)

Andrew Rea 1767 - 6/3/1801
John Ramsay 1767 - unknown (possibly 6/1802)
Aaron Howie 1767 - " " "
Archibald Crockett 1767 - " " "

(2) Second Group of Elders (Reconstruction)(from 1820 - 1832 session book)

John Simeson before 1823 - unknown
John Patterson before 1823 - 7/22/1851
Henry Foster before 1823 - 12/23/1832
George Parks before 1823 - 1/6/1827
Hugh Grey before 1823 - 1832
Thomas Lewis before 1823 - unknown
Elijah McCulloch before 1823 - unknown
John Harris before 1823 - unknown

(3) Third Group of Elders (Reconstruction) (from 1820-1832 session book)

John Wylie not before 1823 - 10/12/1825
Edward Stitt perhaps before 1823 - 5/13/1828
William M. Stitt probably not before 1823 - 3/26/183[illegible]

(4) Fourth Group of Elders (Reconstruction) (from an old deed)

John Wick (Weeks) before 5/1834 - 5/3/1840
William Cunningham " " - 10/21/1843
James Black " " - unknown
Hezekiah Alexander " " - (cf. elsewhere)
Neil M. Stitt " " - 2/14/1865
(It is possible that H.M.S. and perhaps H.A. were deacons or trustees not elders. H.M.S. gravestone reads "A Ruling Elder in Providence Church for 26 years or 1839 to 1865 - E.D.S.)

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY WRITTEN RECORDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION GLEANED LARGELY FROM CEMETERY STATISTICS WILL SERVE AS A RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE " CHARTER MEMBERS " OF THE PROVIDENCE CON-GREGATION IN THE YEAR 1767 . (M.D.M.)

Andrew Baxter

Roger Cunningham

Henry Downs

Frances Downs

Thomas Downs

Mary Dunn

Andrew Dunn

Jane Dunn

James Dunn

John Flennegin

William Grey

Elizabeth Grey

Margaret Matthews Houston

Aaron Houston

James Johnson

Samuel Kerr

John McKee (1764)

Joan McKibben

Autry McKibben

John McCulloch
Katherine
Jane McCulloch

John Wylie

Mary Matthews alias McGill

William Matthews

James Morrison

Neill Morrison

Annabella Johnston Morrison

James Ormond, Jr.

James Ormond

Margaret Potts

James Potts

William Potts

Andrew Rea

William Stitt

Sean Smith

William Smith

John Springs

Sophiah Springs

Robert Stewart

John Swann

Mary Swann

Phillip Weeks

Elizabeth Weeks

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY WRITTEN RECORDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION GLEANED LARGELY FROM CEMETERY STATISTICS WILL SERVE AS A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROVIDENCE CONGREGATION IN THE YEAR 1802 FOLLOWING THE GREAT REVIVAL THERE. NOTE THAT THE GIVEN NAMES FOLLOW OFTEN THROUGH SEVERAL GENERATIONS. (H.D.M.)

Mary Cunningham
Roger Cunningham
James Cunningham
Letitia Cunningham
William Cunningham

Walter Davis
Mary Davis
Ann Davis (Davies)

Thomas Downs
Mary Downs

Andrew Dunn
Mary Dunn
Dove (Dovey) Dunn
Captain Andrew Dunn

Henry Foster

Lydia Graham

William Grey
Elizabeth Grey
Hugh Grey
Elizabeth Hulson Grey

John Houston
Ann M. Houston
James Houston
Grizzy Houston
James H. Houston

A. M. Hovey
William Hovie
Elizabeth Hovie

Richard Hulson

Abel John

Susannah Kerr
Ellen Kerr
Samuel Kerr
Polly Kerr
James Kerr

Nancy McKee

Jean McKibben
Autry McKibben

Joseph McLaughlin

Elizabeth McCullough
William McCullough
John McCulloch
Mary McCulloch
James McCulloch
Jane McCulloch
Katherine McCulloch

William Matthews
Hugh M. Matthews
Jane T. Matthews

Polly Millwee

James Morrison (Jr.)
Annabella Johnston Morrison
Alexander Morrison
Dr. William Morrison
Susannah Morrison

Jonathan Orr

Thomas Oliver

Nancy Parks
George Parks
Elizabeth Parks

John Patterson, Senr.
Margaret Patterson

John Polk

Nancy Potts
John Potts
James Potts, Senr.
Mary Potts
James Potts
Levicy Potts
William Potts of Union County
Elenor Potts

Nancy Rea
Jemima Rea
Thomas Rea
John Rea
David Rea
John Rea, Esq.

Solomon Reid
Eleanora Adams Hood Reid
Mary Reid

Milas J. Robenson
Nancy Robinson (Weeks)
James Robinson

Thomas Sharp
Martha Sharp

David Stitt
Ann Stitt
William Stitt
Elizabeth Stitt
James Stitt
Jane Stitt
Susanah Stitt
Amelia M. Stitt
John Stitt

John Swann
Teresa Swann

Ann F. Walkup
Mary A. Wallis

John Weeks, Sr.
Margaret Weeks
Phillip Weeks
Elizabeth Weeks

John Young

"NAMES OF COMMUNICATING MEMBERS OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH. 1840.".
(MUCH OF LIST IN HANDWRITING OF SAMUEL WILLIAMSON. SOME IN UNIDENTIFIED HAND. SOME PAGES MISSING. SOME ILLEGIBILITY. CONSIDERABLE CORRECTIONS AND EMENDATIONS OR DELETIONS)

William Cunningham	I	died Oct.1843
	I	
James Black	I	died Sep. '42 SESSION
	I	
Wm.Rea#; John Weeks	I	departed this life May 1840
	I	
Neil M. Stitt	I	resigned May 1840

Jane Cunningham

Mary Cunningham

Elizabeth Hawfield (Mrs. Tagret) died Dec.27th.1846

Mary Cunningham

John E. Stitt

Ann Matilda Stitt

Ann Davis, died July 1842

Mrs. Mary Davis

Silas Rea (deceased)

Elizabeth Rea

Wm. Miller - died 1845

Ruth Miller

Elizabeth Rea

Prudence McKee died Jan.20th.1843

Oren Pearce

Jane Pearce died 1842

Saml. Kerr (name scored out- H.D.H.)

Susannah Kerr, departed this life Oct. 1841

withdraw 1845 (also reads 1885- H.D.H.)

Nancy Walloy

Letitia Cunningham

John Arnold died Oct.1846

Mrs. Arnold

James Dunn

Mrs.Dunn died Sep.1842

John Stitt,Jr.

Ann Stitt

Jane Stitt,Sen. died Nov.1843

Lucinda C. Stitt

Robt. C. Barnett

Margaret Barnett

Ann Stitt died December 1847

Nancy C. Stitt died Dec.1843

Elizabeth Matthews

Jane Harris - dismissed & recommended to Sardis 1842

Elizabeth Parks died Feb. 1844

Allen Parks (name scored out- H.D.H.)

Nancy Parks (name scored out- H.D.H.)

Lydia Ardrey

Mary Stitt

Jane Dunn died 1845 (name and date scored out-H.D.H.)

John Stitt, Sen. Withdrawn 1841

Wm. A. Stitt (name scored out- H.D.H.)

Rebecca Stitt

Jane Oliver

Jane Kerr, departed this life Sept.11th.1840

Elizabeth Gray, departed this life Dec. 1842

James McLeighan, departed this life March 1840

Jane McLeighan

Ann McLeighan - departed this life Feb.1840
(may also read 1844 or 1847)

Elizabeth McLeighan

Ann Matthews

Jane Matthews, departed this life Oct.4th.1841

Martha Howie

Susannah Stitt, died 1846

Wm. Gray

Jane Gray

Eliza McKee

James Matthews, dismissed & removed to the West

Jane Matthews, departed this life, Dec.1841

Manerva Rea

Almarine Alexander, departed this life March 1840

Nancy Alexander

Robt.Lewis

Prudence Lewis, departed this life, 1844

Solomon Reid

Eleanor Reid

Margaret H. Orr, departed this life 1844

Nancy Weeks

Mary Rea

Jos.Weeks , departed this life June 1844

Margaret L. Weeks

Rachel Orr

Jas. H. Query

Christiana Query

James Parks

Agnes Hudson

Wm.Hudson

Margaret Black departed this life Sept.14th.1840

"NAMES OF BAPTISED MEMBERS. 1840".
(MUCH OF LIST IN HANDWRITING OF SAMUEL WILLIAMSON. SOME IN UNIDENTIFIED HAND. SOME PAGES MISSING. SOME ILLEGIBILITY. CONSIDERABLE CORRECTIONS AND EMENDATIONS OR DELETIONS)

Elias A. McKee, born August 27th.-?(torn page -H.D.H.)

Amilia S. McKee ---- 22nd. 18-- (Mar.or May,1817 ?- H.D.H.)

Mary Amand Orr, Martha Matilda Orr, Emily Rachel Orr, John

Nathan Orr, Family of Mrs. R. Orr.

James Leander Stitt, Martha Ann Stitt, Saml Williamson Stitt,

Elizabeth Amilia Stitt, Family of J. E. Stitt.

Mary Oliver, Jane Oliver, Ann Oliver, Andrew Jackson Oliver,

Margaret Oliver, Sarah Oliver, Family of Mrs.Jane Oliver.

A.Franklin McKee, Margt.Caroline McKee, Isabella Amelia McKee,

Susan Rebecca McKee, Family of Mr. P. McKee.

Wm.Arnold, aged 14 years in the year 1840.

James L. Arnold aged 11 years

Elizabeth E. Arnold, aged 7 years

Mary G. Arnold, aged 4 years

John McC. Arnold, aged I year, Family of John Arnold.

Ann Cureton

Adaline Cureton

Amanda Cureton, (Family of Dr. Ardrey)

Mary J. Ardrey, James P. Ardrey & Wm. Erskine Ardrey, Family of Dr. Ardrey.

Nancy M. Lewis, born March 8, 1829

Margaret J. Lewis " Jany. 8, 1834

Robt.T. Lewis, " Dec. 4th. 1837

Elizabeth J. Harris born July 7 1836

Eleanor Ann Harris " May 1st. 1838

Margaret Reid, Lydia Reid, Martha Jane Reid, Jeremiah S. Reid, Family of S. Reid.

Wm. T. Stitt, Nancy C. Stitt, Elizabeth A. Stitt, Family of Mrs. J. Stitt (may read T. Stitt or F. Stitt)

Margaret J. Stitt

Jane E. Matthews

Hugh A. Matthews

Saml. W. Orr

Mary J. Orr

John Weeks

John P. Weeks, aged 13 years

Elizabeth J. Weeks, agod 9 years

Mary Matilda Weeks, " 7 years.

Joseph L. Weeks

William Matthews, born March 21, 1820

Sarah Ann Matthews, " May 30, 1822

James S. Matthews " July 15, 1824

Elizabeth T. Matthews Nov.30, 1826

Wm. A. Ardrey

James Walkup

John Reid

Solomon J. Reid

Saml.C. Reid

Isaac M. Reid

Amzi G. Reid

Elizabeth M. Reid, Family of Jos.Reid

Wm.W.Reid (initials probably so-M.E.H.)

Tirzah Reid

Redempta Matilda Alexander, Elizabeth Livinia Alexander, John Ormond Alexander, Tirzah Catharine Alexander, Jane Mariah Alexander, Saml David Alexander, Harriet Octavia Almarine Alexander, Family of Mrs. Nancy Alexander.

Elizabeth A. Flanagan

Sarah M. Flanagan

Jane E. Lee

Mary A. M. Lee

Wm. M. C. Lee

James T. Lee

Wm. A. Patton

Caroline Patton

Mary Patton

April 1841. Catharine Small, Wm.Small, Robt.Small, Family of

John Small. (Called "date of baptism" and son in the following) in all probability.

Capt James Stitt

Wm.M. Stitt

Jas. Rd. Stitt

"May 3, 1841 Margaret Elizabeth Stitt

May 1st., Margaret Elizabeth Rea, Margaret Amanda Johnston

May 3. Robt.Walkup Dunn, Robt.Arthur Arnold

May 20. Andrew Dunn, Clarissa M. Wolf, Mary Ann Dunn, Margaret

Elizabeth Dunn, Adults.

July 11. Amelia Ann Miller

Dec.12 Wm.McGill Matthews

Saml S. Stitt

"May 2, 1842. James Stitt Tagert (Taggret), Martha Louisa Query,

Joseph L. Barnett, Wm.Thos Allen Dunn, Mary Elizabth Stitt.

May 8. Harriet Ann Howey

June 5 Wm.H.Lewis, born Feb.25, 1842, son of Robt.Lewis.

July 31st. Sarah Ann Grey, daughter of Wm. & J. Grey

Jan.22, 1843 Robert Harrison Grier, son of Robt. & Mrs. Grier.

May 17, 1843 Margaret Rosinda, daughter of Dr.Wm.A. & Mrs. Ardrey.

May 21st. Elias Alex.LaFayette, son of Jas.& M. Stitt

May 28th. Andrew Jackson, son of Wm.& Mary Matthews, Mary L.,

daughter of H. & Mrs. Robeson, James Fr., son of D. H. and

Mrs.Rea. (entry includes unnamed daughter of S. & E. Rea.)

July 9th. John B., son of Mr.& Mrs.Flannaken

May 5, 1844 (unnamed) daughter of Wm.C. & R. Miller,

May 5, 1844 (unnamed - unidentified) of J. & Mrs. Small

May 13, 1844 Margt.H.W.Orr, by grandmother Mrs.Rachel Orr

May 18 Sarah Ann, daughter of Isabella C. Reid

May 28, ----- Baxter, son of Jos. & Mrs. Weeks.

June 9 Andrew J. Ezzell, adult, Jas D. Ezzell, Nancy J. Ezzell,

Frederick M. Ezzell, Family of A.J. & Mrs. Ezzell

July 21, Tirzah E. daughter of Wm. & J.Grey (the initial E. may represent a short name such as Eve or Ev- here not completely legible- R.D.H.)

March 1845 Wm.Marcellus, infant son of Wm.& Mrs. Potts, members of Six Mile Ch.

May 2nd. Jane E. Peacock, daughter of Mrs.S.A.Peacock, Ann E.

Peacock, daughter of Mrs. C.A.Peacock.

May 5th. Solomon, infant son of John & Mrs. Arnold

Malinda, infant daughter of Jas.H. & Mrs. Query

(unnamed) infant of D.H. & Mrs. Rea

August 10 (unnamed) infant of Wm. & Mrs. Mary Matthews

Aug.31st. Martha Ann infant of John & Mrs. Small

Sep.12th. (unnamed) infant of Wilson & Mrs. Query

"Sept.12,1845. Infant (unnamed) of Col.Jas.A. & Mrs. L. Dunn

May 21st.1847. Samuel Watson son of William & Mrs.Rea.

Martha Jane daughter of Aaron & Mrs. Howie

Susan Isabella daughter of John & Mrs. Reid

Davy Elizabeth daughter of Col. James & Mrs. Dunn

Dovy Margaret Elizabeth daughter of Jackson & Mrs. Ezell

Sep.20,1847. Dorothy Lavinia, infant of Col. J.W. & Mrs. Potts

April 29,1849. Infant of Wm. M. Matthews & Ann, Mary Ann Elizabeth.

Infant of A.J. & Loiza Ezzell Pheba Lugena (sp/? H.D.H.)

June 3, 1849 Wm. James (sp/?H.D H.) son of James & Mary J. Cunningham.

August 16 1851 Infant of A.J. & Loiza Ezzell, name Thomas Jefferson.

Elias C. Kyrkudale admited on Examination to the Communion of the Church. (listed here under "baptisms" erroneously-H.D.H.)

TORN PAGE OF NAMES APPARENTLY OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS UNDER DATE OF ADMISSION TO CHURCH.

(no date)

-------- M. Orr (first name missing)

Emily R. Orr

April 15th.1843.

Mrs. Sarah E. Grey, Miss Jane H. Pierce, Miss Mary Pierce, died March 9th.1847, Miss Elizabeth T. Matthews.

October 6th.1843

David H. Rea, William P. Houston

October 7th.1843

Saml C. Reid, F. Wilson Query, Mrs. Martha L. Ezzell, Miss Elizabeth C. Ingram, Miss Mary Ann Dunn, Miss Margaret E. Dunn.

"Membership before 1840 whose names had not been enrolled"

Mary Reid, departed this life Dec.1844

Mary C. Reid, Isabella A. Reid, Jos.Reid, Phebe G. Reid, Sarah W. Reid, Isabella C. Reid.

May 11th.1844

Nancy P. Parks, Mary Rea, Mary J. Patton

June 9th.,1844

Andrew J. Ezzell

"1845.

Caroline Peacock, S.J. Reid, Mary J. Houston, Martha J. Reid, Lydia Reid, Mary J. Reid, Ann Oliver, Isabella McKee, died March 30th.1846, Mary M. Harris

"Sept.20th. ---Amzi -- Reid (no year given)

Mrs. Kerr, widow of Adam Kerr, Capt. James Walkup, Mr. James L. Stitt, Mrs. Lavinia Potts.

Nov.21 (no year given)

Joseph C. Ross, William Matthews, Aaron Howie, John R. Rhea, dismissed to join Sharon, Miss M.C.Alexander, dismissed to join Sharon, Hannah Statira Alexander, dismissed to join Sharon,

Wm.McGill Matthews Esqr.,Miss Margaret Query.

(The Sept.20th.entry in handwriting of Samuel Williamson - i.e. before May 1840. The Nov.21st.entry in handwriting of Cyrus Johnston - i.e. before Dec.1845 -H.D.H.)

NAMES OF
"~~EMMANUEL~~ COMMUNICANTS , PROVIDENCE 1840"

Wm. C. Query

Jane Query

Robt.Small dismissed with certificate 1844

Ann Small "

Robt.Grier

Elizabeth Grier

John M. Houston

Mary Houston

Elizabeth Reid, died

Elizabeth Reid, died

Jos. Nelson Reid

Jane K. Reid

John W. Reid

Jos. E. Sample

Nancy Mulwee

Saml Flanagan

Margt H. Flanagan

Wm.Lee

Mary A. Lee

Nancy Patton

Jane M. Dunn, departed this life 1845

May 1841

John Small, Harriet V. Small, Mary Oliver, Sarah A. Matthews, Mary Orr.

Oct.1841

Tirzah Davis, Jane Oliver

May 1st.1842

James W. Taggret, Wm.B.Reid, Mrs. Tirzah Reid, Rosanna E. Black, Margaret E. Black, Adaline J. Query, Malinda L. Query, Mary Ann Alexander, Tirzah E. Boyd, removed, Sarah L. Rea, dismissed with certificate 1844

"BLACK MEMBERS OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH.

Dorcas, servant of N.M. Stitt

Joe " " " "

Flora " " " "

Nancy " " Col.Reid

Peter, died 1844, baptised servant of Col.Reid

Mary " " " " "

Aleck servant of Biggars

Lucy " " James Black

"1841 Dinah, servant of M.Rea, died 1842

"May 7, 1843 Sam the servant of Moses Allen Parks

" " " Esther, his wife, the servant of Richd.Peoples.

"Sept.24th. baptized their child, Hariet Malissa, servant of R. Peoples.

"April 15th.1843 Rhoda, servant of Jas.L.Porter, admitted & baptized

"Oct.6th.1843 Joe, servant of J.W.Tagert, re-admitted

"Oct.7th.1843 Jinny, servant of Wm.Ross,Esq.,admitted & baptized

" " " Dafney, servant of Mrs. R. Orr " "

Nov.21,1847 Sampson, servant of L. Porter

Mariah serv't of Rev. C. Johnston

July 20,1849 Harry sarvent of J.B.Peoples (sp)

Ath sarvent of Mrs.Margret McLoughlen

Hannah sarvent of Mary Reas

May 24 (no year) Mary servant of N.M.Stitt admitted on examination to Church Memberahip

August 16th.1857 Green servent of Joseph Moss (sp)

Lizza servent of Ann Oliver was admitted on examination the ware received in the communion of the church.

(sp)

"COLORED COMMUNICANTS ----(132)"

(1) Nancy belonging to M. Stitt, dis.

(2) Judy " " " " , dec.

(3) Isaac " " " " dec.

(4) Aaron " " " "

(5) Stephen " " " " dec.

(6) Iso belonging to H. M. Parks

(7) Betty " " J.B.Peoples, rem.

(8) Dolly " " Elizabeth Ray

(9) Andy " " Arthur Grier

(10) Richard " " W. Gray, dec.

(11) Hector " " Wm. Matthews

(12) Marshall " " J. Ezell, rem.

(13) Elias " " J. Ross

(14) Moses " "--~~J.B.Peoples~~- J.N.Stitt,rem.

15 Eliza " " Col.Reid

16 Nancy " " " "

17 Nancy " " L. B. Howard (L ?)

18 Lucinda " " ~~-J.B.Peoples~~--J.N.Stitt

19 Lucinda " " R. Grier

20 Ann " " J. Matthews

21 Rhetta " " Eliz. Parks. Query

22 Hannah " " Eliz Rhea

23 Caroline " " W.P.Houston

24 Harriet " " Elias A. McKey

25 Green " " William Matthews, dis.

26. Jane " " J.B.Peoples, rem.

27 Harry " " R. Grier

28 Sampson " " Mrs.Downs. Black, dec.

29 Wash " " Robt.Grier

30 Hannah " " " "

31	Joe	belonging	to	John M. Matthews
32	Dick	"	"	Allen Parks
33	John	"	"	M. Stitt
34	Green	"	"	Ellen Arnold
35	William	"	"	Col.Reid
36	Stephen	"	"	Dr. Miller
37	Dovey	"	"	Dr.Sharpe. Green Rea
38	Harriet	"	"	John Query
39	Jack	"	"	John Warwick
40	Sarah	"	"	Mr. Sample
41	Richard	"	"	Sarah Oliver D
42	Elisha	"	"	Col. Dunn
43	John	"	"	--~~Wm.M.McKee~~- W.T.Stitt
44	Sarah	"	"	Wm.McGinnis
45	Sarah Jane	"	"	M. Stitt
46	~~6-Nancy--~~	"	"	--"----"--- (scored out in record-H)
~~47~~--	Mrs.McLaughan			(not clear-H)
47	Elizabeth	"	"	Col.Black
48	Alfred	"	"	" "
49	Rosanna	"	"	Wm.McKee
50	Diana	"	"	--~~J.B.Peeples~~--J.N.Stitt rem.
51	Jane	"	"	Jack M. Matthews
52	Cato	"	"	J. N. Ross
53	~~-Isaac-~~	"	"	~~-Hugh-Parks--~~ (scored out in record-H)

54 Sam belonging to Allen Parks

55 Esther " " Richard Peoples

56 Aaith " " Mrs. M. McLaughlan

57 Rosinda " " Jas. Walkup

(numbers omitted-H)

Caroline " " J.N.Ross

Melissa " " " "

Sarah " " " "

Emily " " " "

Harry " " N.M. Stitt

Milly " " " " "

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES ARE LISTED IN THE SESSIONAL MINUTES OF THE PAGES TORN FROM AN OLD SESSIONAL BOOK BUT WHOSE NAMES ARE OMITTED FROM THE FOREGOING LISTS EXCEPT FOR A FEW CASES ALREADY LISTED IN THE BAPTISMAL RECORDS ABOVE.

"June 20,1848. Elizabeth (Betsy) M. Query, Martha L. Query, Elisabeth Parks.

April 21, 1849. Mary T. Downs, Tabitha Pierce

July 25, 1850. Eugena A. Ingram, Amelia A. Stitt, Margaret (Peggy) Oliver.

April 10, 1852. Cyrus J. Wilson, Mrs. Anne Howard, Mrs.Margaret Kuykendal, Jane Parks

Aug.13, 1852. Sarah Oliver

August 14, 1852 Mrs. Margaret J. Whitesides

Aug.6, 1854. Mrs. Mary E. Matthews

Aug.7, 1854. William (?) Matthews

Aug.17, 1855. Eliza Ann Rae (Ray) (Mrs. Manson)

June 7, 1856. Mary Reid

Sept.26,1860. Susan Reid, Martha Blair, Margaret J. Ross, Ann Levinia Rea (Mrs.Lee).

EXCERPTS FROM " THE LIFE AND LABOURS OF THE REVEREND DANIEL BAKER, D.D. ". REV. WILLIAM H. BAKER. PHILADELPHIA 1858 (?)

(1) Describes his meetings at Poplar Tent and Concord in the revival of 1853 in letter to his daughter from " Providence Church, August 19th. 1853 ".

(2) Describes his meetings at Providence in letter to his wife from " Steel Creek Church, August 31st. 1853 ".

" My last meeting was held at Providence church. It closed on last Thursday. It was greatly blessed. The pastor tells me that the number of converts is one hundred and three, and these, as usual, chiefly men. The contributions to the College, amounted to about three hundred dollars ". ————.

" Immense congregations attend upon my preaching — every Sabbath perhaps three thousand. People come from a great distance, and I am told there has not been such a glorious revival in North Carolina for the last fifty years. To God be all the glory! " (p.483f.)

(3) The fragmentary sessional records during the pastorate of Samuel C. Pharr are missing during a period from April 5, 1853 until May 25, 1854 - the period of the revival at Providence. M.D.M.

COPY OF THE TITLE PAGE FROM AN IMPORTANT BROCHURE BY THE REVEREND MR. JAMES WALLIS. (Original copy in Presbyterian archives, Phila.)

" The Bible Defended being an Investigation of the misrepresentations and falsehoods of Thomas Paine's " Age of Reason, Part the second ', wherein also, The Evidences of Revealed Religion are stated, and the Authenticity and Divine Authority of the several Books of the Bible are vindicated by James Wallis Pastor of the Church in New Providence in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina. Halifax - Printed by Abraham Hodge 1797 ".

COPY OF THE TITLE OF A PRINTED ORATION BY THE REVEREND MR. JAMES WALLIS.

" An Oration On The Death Of General George Washington ", delivered at Charlotte " (Raleigh, 1800).

THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 20TH, 1775.

RESOLVED - That whosoever directly or indirectly abets or in any way form or manner countenances the invasion of our rights, as attempted by the Parliament of Great Britain, in an act sent to this country, to America, and the rights of man.

Resolved- That we, the citizens of Mecklenburg county do hereby dissolve the political bonds which have connected us with the mother country, and absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British crown, abjuring all political connection with a nation that has wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of Americans at Lexington.

Resolved - That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, that we are and of right ought to be, a sovereign and self-governing people under the power of God and the general Congress; to the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes, and our most sacred honor.

Resolved - That we do hereby ordain and adopt as rules of conduct, all and each of our former laws, and the crown of Great Britain cannot be considered hereafter as holding any rights, privileges, or immunities amongst us.

Resolved - That all officers, both civil and military in this county, be entitled to exercise the same powers and authorities as heretofore; that every member of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer, and exercise the powers of a justice

of the peace, issue process, hear and determine controversies according to law, preserve peace, union and harmony in the county, and use every exertion to spread the love of liberty and of country, until a more general and better organized system of government be established.

Resolved - That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by express to the President of the Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia, to be laid before that body.

Abraham Alexander — Chairman
John McKnitt Alexander — Secretary

Ephraim Brevard	Adam Alexander
Hezekiah J. Balch	Charles Alexander
John Phifer	Jacobus Wilson
James Harris	Waightstill Avery
William Kennon	Benjamin Patton
John Ford	Matthew McClure
Richard Barry	Neil Morrison
Henry Downs	Robert Irwin
Ezra Alexander	John Flemming
William Graham	David Reese
John Avery	John Davidson
Hezekiah Alexander	Richard Harris

Thomas Polk

PART OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY JOHN SIMPSON ELDER AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH TO WILLIAM POLK, COLONEL, JANUARY 20, 1820 AND QUOTED IN THE PRESBYTERIAN STANDARD FOR APRIL 12,1911 AND TAKEN FROM HISTORICAL SKETCH CALLED " THE PROVIDENCE SETTLEMENT " WRITTEN BY "X" (DUNN).

" Your father, as commanding officer of the county, issued orders to the captains to appoint two men from each company to represent them in the committee. It was done. Neill Morrison, John Flennikenn, from this company; Chas. Alexander, John McKnitt Alexander, Hezekiah Alexander, Abraham Alexander, Esq., John Phifer, David Reese, Adam Alexander, Dickey Barry, John Queary and others, whose names I cannot obtain. As to the names of those who drew up the Declaration, I am inclined to think Doctor Drevard was the principal, from his known talents in composition. It was, however, in substance and form, like that great national act agreed on thirteen months after. Ours was towards the close of May,1775. In addition to what I have said, the same committee appointed three men to secure all the military stores for the county's use - Thomas Polk, John Phifer and John Kennedy. I was under arms near the head of the line near Colonel Polk, and heard him distinctly read a long string of Grievances, the Declaration and Military Order above. ——

" That the committee appoint Col. Thomas Polk and Dr. Joseph Kennedy to purchase 300 pounds of powder, 600 lb. of lead, 1000 flints, for the use of the militia of this county, and deposit the same in such place as the committee may hereafter direct ".

(The writer "X" is of the opinion from the evidence of this letter that "the true Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is contained in the Resolves of May 31, 1775; and that the Alexander Resolves of May 20th. was an imperfect effort after many years to recall these ".)

VOLUME OF PROVIDENCE SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 to 1892

A TRANSCRIPTION SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME OF HISTORICAL SKETCH AS FOUND IN EARLIER TORN PAGES FROM AN OLD SESSIONAL BOOK TOGETHER WITH LATER ADDITIONS. PAGES 1 to 6. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ONLY ADDED HEREWITH.

(1) Text in unknown handwriting - an amanuensis for William Rea.

(2) Text in handwriting of Robert Zenas Johnston

(re. Jethro Rumple pastorate, continued) "---which relation he sustained until day of October 1860 when he was released, having accepted a call from the church at Salisbury, N.C.

(3) Text in handwriting of E. C. Kuykendal

" R. Z. Johnston a Licentiate of Concord Presbytery having ben engaged to supply the churches of Providence & Sharon for six months, - began to preach at Providence on the 2nd. Sabbath of July 1861 - received a call from said churches at Fall meeting of presbytery in Lenoir - accepted the call for half of his services - Presbytery met at Providence the 15th. of November 1861 (national Fast day) & examined him & heard his Trial Sermon on the Text previously assigned him II Tim.1:9 & the 17th. Nov. 1861 proceeded to ordain & install him Pastor of Providence church - Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. preached the sermon - Text II Chron. 24:15,16 presided & offered the Ordination Prayer - Rev. Robert Burwell- Modr., delivered charge to Pastor & Rev. G. D. Parks charged the People, & Pastoral relation between Robert Zenas Johnston & the church of Providence was declared on 17th. Nov. 1861.

IN HANDWRITING OF WILLIAM REA PAGES nine 'THE REGISTER OF DEACONS' CONTAINS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO DEACON PERSONNEL BEFORE 1860. MATERIAL NOT FOUND IN EXTANT TORN PAGES FROM OLD SESSIONAL RECORD. AUTHENTICITY UNKNOWN. SOURCES NOT CITED. COMMENTS IN PARENTHESES.

"William Grey	O&I	1859
"moved to Georgia in 1865"		
Hugh M. Parks	O&I	1859
John G. Query	O&I	1859
(died shortly thereafter)		
(name appears on no list of church members)		
J. S. Reid	O&I	1859
"elder 1866"		

(The above were ordained and installed during the Rumple pastorate)

VOLUME OF PROVIDENCE SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 to 1892

IN HANDWRITING OF WILLIAM REA PAGES one and two 'THE REGISTER OF ELDERS' CONTAINS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO ELDER PERSONNEL BEFORE 1860. MATERIAL NOT FOUND IN EXTANT TORN PAGES FROM OLD SESSIONAL RECORD. AUTHENTICITY UNKNOWN. SOURCES NOT CITED.

"The following names were ruling elders in the year 1823, but it is not now known when they were ordained or when they ceased to act.

John Simeson

John Patterson

Henry Foster

George Parks

Hugh Gray

Thomas Lewis

Elijah McCulloch

John Harris

"The following were ordained by Rev. Samuel Williamson.

John Wylie

Edward Stitt

William M. Stitt, died April 1839

"The following were ruling Elders in the year 1839

(Here William Rea includes the name, Hezekiah Alexander, an obvious gloss or of doubtful authenticity. Cf. report of sessional committee this volume, August 14, 1874)

TEXT OF SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 - 1892. EXCERPTS IN THE HAND-WRITING OF WILLIAM REA, PAGE 11. COMMENT IN PARENTHESES.

"Sept.19th.1861. Session met & was opened with prayer by Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr., Modr. pro tem.----.

"April 5.th.1862. Session met, & the Deacons made this report; whereupon the Session proceeded to make out their report to Pby, wh' is as follows: Added on Exam. 3, on cert. 1. Coloured Com.46 - Total Com.150,-Baptized, adults 1 - infants 3 - No of children in Sab.School 35 - Domestic Mis. 20.25, For. Mis. 12.00 - Education 6.50 - Publication 10.95 - Presbyterial 8.20 - Congregational 181.-

TEXT OF SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 - 1892. EXCERPTS IN THE HAND-WRITING OF ROBERT ZENAS JOHNSON, CLERK OF SESSION, PAGES 12 to 55.

"April 20th.1862. The Session met - present Rev. R.Z.Johnston, Mod.with Elders, Stitt, Rea, Grier, McKee, Reid & Ross. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Mr. Wm.Rea gave up the office of Clerk, & requested another Clerk to be elected: whereupon the Rev. R.Z.Johnston was unanimously elected. It was resolved that the times for holding our Sacramental meetings be hereafter the second Sabbath of May & the second Sabbath of October, & the second & fourth Sabbaths of every month be the regular days for preaching at this Church. -----. (Providence shared pastorate with Sharon)

"August 10th.1862. Session met. Present the Pastor, with Elders Stitt, Grier, Rea, McKee & Ross. Mr. Stitt reported to session that it was the desire of a number of the members of the congregation that there should be a Protracted Meeting held at this church - Whereupon it was resolved to hold such a meeting during the last week of August, that we invite the Brethren in the ministry convenient, to meet with us & preach to us. -It was further resolved that a Committee be appointed to superintend the conduct of the Servants during the hours of religious service on the Sabbath. Messers. Wm.Rea, Mc.Matthews & Elias McKee were appointed for that purpose. Closed with prayer.

(Singleton of South Carolina, Alexander of Steel Creek, and McDonald of Philadelphia Church, responded - H.D.H.- cf. minute of August 31st.1862.)

"Sept.14th.1862. --------.A request from the Servants came before Session that they be permitted to hold Prayer Meetings on Sabbath afternoons at the several houses of Mr.Stitt, Grey, Mc Matthews & Wm.McKee. On motion of Mr. Stitt it was resolved that this request be granted provided two or more white men be present at these meetings. Closed with prayer.

"May 3,1863. (extensive minutes deal with two disciplinary cases of "Servants")

"August 16th.1863. -----. Mr. Solomon Reid having resigned his office- Superintendance of Sabbath School & recommended Mr. E. C. Kuykendall as his successor.-----. Resolved; That as next Friday is the day, appointed by the Chief Magistrate of our government for fasting, humiliation & prayer, & our Pastor will be absent at Pby; therefore, resolved that we invite the congregation to assemble on that day at the usual hour for worship, & engage in such religious exercises as may be most appropriate to the occasion. A motion was made & passed, to direct the congregation to clean off the Burying Ground on next Saturday. ---.

"Oct.11th.1863. --------. H-----, servant of Mrs.---------- reported herself before Session & confessed that she had kept herself back from the Sacraments for one year, because she had danced. She said she had done wrong, & prayed to be pardoned, & hoped God had forgiven her. She was admonished & restored to the fellowship of God's people.-----.

"Oct.25,1863. -----. Resolved that the Session release the Pastor of this church, Rev. R.Z.Johnston from his Pastoral labors, during the month of November or longer, in order that he may visit & preach to the Army.----.

"Dec.10th.1862. ----. All present except Bro.Ross, who is absent in Army N. Va.". ----. Resolved, That, as our Pastor has not received a call from any Regiment to become their Chaplain, or to labor as Missionary in any particular portion of the army; & as the labors of a Pastor are more than ordinarily important at this time in the congregation, therefore we deem it inadviseable to say to our Pastor, he ought to leave us upon the present call; but should he be called to the Chaplaincy of any Regmt.in the C.S.A. or think it his duty to go to the Army as Missionary, we are willing for him to spend as much as three & not more than six months in that service in the Spring of 1864. ----.

"Jany.3d.1864. ----- The Pastor stated that he had recd.a circular from the Committee of Concord Pby. for the education of Orphan children; which circular authorizes the Session to go to work & find out the number of children in the congregation to be schooled, their character & necessities, & forward this information to the Com.of Presbytery. -----.

"April 2d.1864. ---In regard to 'Orphans of Deceased Soldiers' the Session had learned that there are two in bounds of congregation, but both of them being too small to go to school, the Clerk was directed to inform the Com. of Presbytery that we have no children of the class contemplated in the Scheme of Synod. ----.

"May 28th.1864. ----. The object of the meeting was to pass some resolutions in regard to the death of Bro. J.N. Ross, a member of this Session.-----. Whereas the late reports from the battles in N. Va. have brought to our ears the sad intelligence, that J. Newell Ross, one of the Elders- the Benjamin of this Session, died on the 17th.of May from wounds received on the 12th.inst. while bravely charging a breastwork of the enemy of our country! & whereas we desire to express the feelings awakened in our bosoms by this sad event, in some official capacity- therefore be it resolved & it is hereby resolved by this Session -

1st. That we have heard of the death of our brother J.N.Ross, with the deepest sorrow; for he was dear to our hearts, being a wise counsellor, & lovely & pious example of Christian faith & practice.

2d. That we bow most humbly to the holy will of our heavenly Father in this event & pray for Grace to enable us to see why he had afflicted us, by taking away from us one so meek & lovely, thus depriving this Session & congregation of a wise & trusted Presbyter.-

3d. That we tender to the congregation our sympathies & our appreciation of his worth to us in discharging the responsible ~~iiiiiii~~ duties imposed upon us by the Holy Spirit.

4th. That we tender to his family & immediate relatives our condolence in this sore bereavement & assure them of our Christian love & care for the welfare of their sons - that we feel ourselves drawn nearer to our blessed Saviour, & pray that this Providence may be sanctified by grace, so that those who are so peculiarly sorely exercised by it, may be drawn nearer Christ & 'made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light'.

5th. That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of the widowed mother.

6TH. That these resolutions be forwarded to the Editor of the N.C.Presbyterian & Western Democrat for publication.--------.

"Jany 16th.1865. Session met at the house of N.M. Stitt, deceased. Present Rev. R.Z.Johnston, the Mod'r & Elders Wm.Rea, Wm. McKee & Robt Grier. The meeting was opened with prayer. The object of the meeting being to adopt a minute concerning the death of our brother N.M. Stitt, the following was adopted,viz.

Whereas an Allwise Providence has removed from time to eternity on the 14th.inst.,our beloved Brother N. Morrison Stitt: Therefore be it resolved
1st. That the Session of Providence Ch' feel called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful Brother, who has served in the Eldership for thirty years:-
2d. That we deeply sympathize with the immediate relatives & the congregation, believing that in his death we have all lost a most lovely example of piety, benevolence & punctuality:-
3d. That as an Elder, Father, Master & Citizen, his praise is justly acknowledged by all. May that blessed Spirit, who made him so lovely, wise & useful, inspire us whose number is so reduced, with his zeal for the Master's cause, & sanctify his melancholy death to numerous mourning friends & a stricken community. ----.

"August 20, 1865.----It was also resolved to call the attention of the congregation to the fact, that the Eldership has been reduced to four -----.

"Sept.3d.1865. ----. The Session, feeling an interest in the pious walk & Christian enjoyments of all the members in this Church, & observing the irregularities of the Coloured people of the country & sympathizing with them in their exposure to temptation, with which they are so little prepared to contend, do pass the following resolutions, relating to them, viz.
1st. Resolved. That the Pastor instruct them especially relating to their obligations & privileges in their new and anomalous social condition -
2d. Resolved. That, after all have been carefully instructed or after opportunities have been afforded to every coloured member, of being instructed, - they shall be required to give their names to the Clerk of Session, as an evidence, that they desire still to be regarded as faithful members of the Presbyterian Church; & that all or any Coloured member, who does not conform to this regulation, shall be regarded as guilty of unchristian feelings or prejudices, for which they or any one of them, not conforming, shall answer to the Session, when properly cited so to do;-

"This minute was then explained to the Coloured Members present (these had been invited to this sessional meeting-H.D.H.) & the Pastor proceeded to instruct & advise them; after wh' all present gave in their names & reported the names of some, unable to attend in person this day.-----.

"April 15, 1866. Session met at call of Modr. & opened with prayer - present the Pastor & all Elders - Messrs Kuykendall & Reid signified their willingness to accept the office of Ruling Elder, & Messrs Stitt, Howard & McKee accepted the office of Deacon- The Session directed their ordination to take place after sermon today, which order was observed. A portion of Coloured Members appeared & after some devotional exercises, a free conference was held with them - all manifesting a commendable spirit, fidelity, & subscribing their names on the Deacon's roll of subscribers to Pastor's salary-with encouraging liberality. -------.

(Elders were E.C.Kuykendall and J. S. Reid; Deacons were W.M. Stitt, Samuel B. Howard, Elias McKee -H.D.H.)

(Considerable number of disciplinary cases involving members both white and coloured occupied attention of Session particularly in period from 1864 to 1867 - H.D.H.)

"May 13,1866. ----. After recess, Session met with the colored members & proceeded to organize them into a Sabbath School Mr.Rea was elected Superintendent- The School will be opened at 10 a.m. & close at 11 a.m. on Sabbath - one half hour to be employed in teaching letters, spelling, reading, & the other half to be employed in reading Scriptures, & catechical instruction by the Superintendent & the Session to assist the Superintendent.----.

"Aug.18,1866. ----. It was resolved that Thursday -23d. inst.- be observed by the Congregation as a day of Fasting & Humiliation in view of the great Drought, with which we are afflicted & that on the following Sabbath, the Lord's Supper be observed. It was further resolved, that the Session will make a special effort, during the approaching meeting, to secure peace & brotherly love, between parties in the community, who do not now live & have not for some time - according to reports, lived peaceably with one another.----.

"Nov.17,1866. ----. Moved that the Session adopt the recommendation of the Convention (Elders & Deacons Convention -H.D.H.) which concern the laying off of the congregation into districts

and appoint an Elder & Deacon for each district. After some consultation, the motion was adopted, & the congregation districted as follows, viz.-

1st.District shall include all the families & members of Providence living north of Four-Mile Creek & East of the Providence Road.
2d. District. All west of the Providence Road & between McAlpin & Four-Mile Creeks & Mrs. Betsy Rea's family.
3d. District. All east of Camden Road & north of Six Mile Creek & west of Providence Road & South of Four Mile Creek.
4th. District. All south of Six-Mile Creek & west of Providence Road.
5th.District. All east of Providence Road & South of Four-Mile Creek.

(here follows the designations of Elders and Deacons)

"Dec.9th.1866. -----. After considering the propriety & expediency of having the doors of the Church opened every Sabbath, whether the Pastor be present or not, it was finally agreed that the Session would endeavour to hold religious services on the Sabbaths when the Pastor is absent, & that the house be opened next Sabbath.-----.

"Feby.3d.1867. (extensive minute on disciplinary cases)

"April 20,1867. -------. The semi-annual report of the state of religion in the congregation was read, adopted, ordered to be read to the congregation & forwarded to Presbytery.-------.

"May 12, 1867. ----. After a conference concerning the Sabbath School, Bro' Kuykendall was appointed general Superintendent of the School for Whites & Blacks & advised to regulate the School & appoint & select what teachers he thinks best.

"Aug.11,1867. -----. In view of the approaching meeting of Presbytery, the Session agreed to meet tomorrow at 2 P.M. at the Post Office, for the purpose of making out their Reports to Presbytery, requesting the Deacons to meet with us at the same time & place & make their report to the Session.-----.

"Aug.12th.1867. -------. The following is submitted as the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Deacons ----------. Foreign Missions $17.00 Domestic Missions $14.43 Publication $ 10.90 Education $3.53 Contingent Expenses $ 11.00 Presbyterial Assessment $ 21.65. To the Pastor for 1866 $ 361.20. -------.

"Oct.24,1867. ---. The Session then took into consideration the conduct of the colored members, most of whom have gone off & formed themselves into a separate church of the same order, under the advice of Rev. W. L. Miller of the Presbytery of Catawba (connected with the "Northern Church" -H.D.H.). After conferring on the matter, the following minute, in regard to the matter, was proposed, by Mr. J. S. Reid, & adopted, viz.-

Whereas we have learned that a large number of the Colored Members of this congregation have left us & organized another Church, separate & distinct from ours, without the advice of this Session & the order of the Presbytery of Concord; Therefore, be it resolved, that, while we regard their course as irregular & under ordinary circumstances, demanding the censure of the Church, yet, in view of the influence brought to bear upon this part of our membership, the Session will omit from the roll of members of this Church, without censure, the names of all those colored members who have joined in the new organization referring them for aid & counsel to the Presbytery, under whose direction they have acted, & praying the Great Head of the Church to go with & bless them in their new ecclesiastical relation.----.

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"July 25, 1868. -----. The Pastor, Rev. R. Z. Johnston tendered his resignation of the office of Clerk of Session, with all records in his possession viz. this book. Thereupon the session proceeded to the election of clerk. E. C. Kuykendal was unanimously elected clerk. -----.

"November 27, 1868. -----. The Pastor presented for consideration the plan of conducting Systematic Benevolence by weekly contributions as recommended by Presbytery, after deliberation the plan spoken of was adopted by vote of session. The Rev. G. D. Parks being present was requested to address the Congregation upon the subject of Systematic Benevolence.------.

"Jan.8th.1870. ----. The Pastor presented his resignation of the pastorate of Providence Ch. and through Session presented his request to this Congregation----.

"March 5th.1870.----. Whereas the Rev. R. Z. Johnston has through the session of Providence Ch. signified his desire to have the Pastoral Relation between himself and Providence Ch.

dissolved, and has asked the Congregation to concur with him in an application to Presbytery to sever our official relations. Therefore, 1st. Resolved that we unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve the existing Pastoral Relation.
2d. Resolved that we continued to supplicate a Throne of Grace that his future labors may be blessed, and that the favor of the Head of the Ch. may rest upon himself and household.0000--.

(The above minute was from a congregational meeting with Wm. Rea in the chair and the Clerk of Session, as Clerk of Meeting)
H.D.H.

"Nov.2d.1871. -------. Opened with prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr. ----.

"July 21st.1872. Session met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Wm. Banks. Present Elders Wm.Rea, Robt. Grier, J.N.Reid, J.S.Reid and E.C.Kuykendal.

((Two congregational meetings-one of which is recorded- and an ordination and installation service not mentioned-brings the minutes to the first mention of Hugh M. Parks and William Downs as sessional members, see below, - H.D.H.)

"May 18th.1873. Session met and was opened with prayer. Present Wm.Rea, Robt.Grier, J.N.Reid, J.S.Reid, H.M.Parks, Wm.Downs and E.C.Kuykendal.----. (Wm.A.Knox & W.F.Kuykendal had been O&I deacons on 5/17/1873 but no record in minutes)

(None of the May, 1873 minutes indicate moderator Wm.Banks as present. H.D.H.)

"July 20,1873. -----. On motion of J.S.Reid a committee was appointed by the Moderator to lay off Providence congregation into districts.-----.
(cf. action of Nov.17, 1866)

"May 17, 1874. -------. Whereas there has appeared in the N.C. Presbyterian, a series of articles purporting to be a history of Providence Ch and inasmuch as all papers historical are important and interesting to the whole ch and especially to the individual ch, whose history is involved; therefore Resolved as the Session of Providence Ch we feel that it is due to ourselves and the church we represent that said sketches should be carefully examined.------.

"Aug.15,1874.------. The Committee (Messrs.J.S.Reid,E.C.Kuykendal and Robt.Grier -H.D.H.) to whom were referred for examination certain articles which have appeared in N.C.Presbyterian

entitled Sketches of Providence Ch. desire to make the following report.

We find the Sketches contain many errors, first, we notice the church was not supplied from 1819 to 1821 a period of two years, while the fact is Rev. S. C. Caldwell of Sugar Creek gave Providence one third or one fourth of his time. Secondly, during the pastorate of Dr. Johnston Hezekiah Alexander did not serve Providence as an Elder, nor does his widow now attend Providence church, she having long since passed from earth, thirdly-Dr.Pharr's pastorate commenced immediately after Mr. Sherrill left and iatthis connection the Committee desire to say that Dr.Pharr during his pastorate at Providence was without blame and at his own request the pastoral relation was dissolved, and he was regularly dismissed by his Presbytery, and his connection in the history of Providence Ch then ceased. Fourth, concerning the church land, the first deed was the gift of David Rea father of the venerable member of our present session, then extended by purchase from Mr. Silas Rea and at a later period by gift from Mr. J. M. Matthews.
Fifthly. In the Sketches it is stated that there were probably no Deacons until the Pastorate of Rev. Mr. Humple while the fact is the church has been served by Deacons for a period of thirty or more years. Sixthly concerning the cause of Education in Providence, your Committee beg leave to say that the Sketches contain a very grave error, one that reflects unfavorably upon our church and community. It is well known that (with short intervals) from the time Providence had her first Pastor she also had a flourishing school, continuing through Dr. Johnston's pastorate, it is also equally as well known that the Academy did not go down nor the cause of Education languish after his day (at least not until after the disastrous consequences of war) but on the contrary the Academy under Mr. E. C. Kuykendal for a period of twenty years was never more prosperous and at no period in the history of Providence did the cause of Education both male and female receive greater attention, while all this is well known in the community, we refer in further confirmation to the great numbers scattered through the land who during this period received their education in whole or in part here and now fill important positions in the various walks of life and we further refer to an article in the N.C.Presbyterian of date July 11th.1863 over the signature of Zenas.
In conclusion your committee would say that as the Sketches on the part of the author were doubtless a labor of love and while they contain much that we approve, yet any matter involving the decency and order of the church should be correct in all parts and in this report your committee have acted from a sense of duty. (signed) J.S.Reid, Robert Grier, E.C.Kuykendal.

"The report was unanimously adopted.----.

"Nov.15,1874. -----. A Committee of Presbytery having requested the advice of this Session in reference to the organization of a ch at Wolfville in Union Cty, Session, with their present light on the subject did not deem it for the interest of religion to organize a ch at the aforesaid place.----.

"March 7th.1875. Session met at the house of E.C. Kuykendal and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. Wm.Banks, H.M.Parks and E.C. Kuykendal.----.

(this is the last minute in which the name of William Banks is found)

"May 2d.1875. Session met and was opened with prayer by Rev. W.H.Davis, Moderator,pro tem. Present Wm.Rea, Robt.Grier, H.M.Parks, W.H.Downs and E.C.Kuykendal.-----.

"August 14th.1875. -------Rev. D. P. Robinson of Bethel Presbytery Moderator, pro tem.------.

"Nov.7th.1875. Session met, opened with prayer by Rev.W.H. Davis, Moderator, pro tem.-----.

"Dec.19th.1875. Session met, no minister being present, E.C. Kuykendal was chosen Moderator, pro tem, session was opened with prayer.-----.

"May 6, 1876. ----. The Rev. D. P. Robinson of Bethel Presbytery being present was chosen Moderator, pro tem.-----.

"August 12th.1876. Session met, opened with prayer by the Pastor, Rev. G. S. Robinson, Present, Eldeys, Wm.Rea, J.N. Reid, H.M.Parks, W.H.Downs and E.C. Kuykendal.

(this is first minute in which name of G. S. Robinson is found)

"August 14th.1876. Session met, present the Pastor & Elders as on yesterday. It was agreed that the Pineville Ch send a representative to the Fall meeting of Presbytery.--------.

(this minute indicates that the Robinson pastorate included a church at Pineville)

"Feb.11th,1877. -----. Mr. J.S.Reid, a member of this Session made application for a certificate of dismission for himself and Mrs.Mary Reid to connect themselves with Presbyterian Ch

at Matthews station, N.C.-------.

(a minute which notes the beginning of the Matthews Church)

"March 4th.1877. July 15th.1877. Nov.4th.1877.

(the minutes on these dates indicate other dismissions to the newly-formed Matthews Church - five in number -)

"Jan.4th.1880. -------. Session directed the Clerk in accordance with New Discipline to give certificates of dismission to members of Providence, who resided out of this Congregation to churches nearest their residence.----.

"October 21st.1880. -------. On Motion the following Preamble and resolutions were adopted,
Whereas God in his most Holy and wise Providence, as we hope, hath removed from the church militant to the church triumphant our beloved brother and co-presbyter William Rea, who had been a member of this session, about fifty years; in view of the loss that we the session of Providence church and the church of which he was a member and the community in which he lived, have sustained, therefore, be it,
Resolved, That, while we mourn the death of this venerable Christian Patriarch, we thank God for his long, godly life, for the legacy of his earnest prayers, for his devout attachment to the doctrines of our church, and for the assurance that he has entered upon the rest that remains for the people of God. Resolved, That we sympathize with his family to the third generation in the loss of the venerated head and patriarch of their household.
Resolved, That in testimony of our sorrow for this deceased Father in Israel we spread these resolutions upon the minutes of the Session. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished his family also the Christian Observer and North Carolina Presbyterian for publication.----.

"April 24,1881. -----Mr. W.H.Downs requested to be released from the duties of Superintendent of Sabbath School, which request was granted.----.

"July 9th.1881. ------. Session heard the report of Mr.Nisbet Superintendent of Sabbath School---.

"August 26,1882. -----. The Pastor, Rev. G.S.Robinson requested Session to call a congregational meeting of Providence Ch that they might unite with him in a petition to Presbytery to dissolve

the existing Pastoral relation, the Congregation was directed to assemble on August 27th.1882.-----.

"November 18th.1882. Session met. Present Moderator (pro tem) Rev. W.E.McIlwaine.-----.

"June 3d.1883. -----. Present as Moderator, Rev. W. M. Mills. ------.

"August 25th.1883. -----. Present as Moderator Rev. G.D. Parks and Elders H.M.Parks and E.C.Kuykendal.-----.

(From May 3d.1882 until March 30th.1884 inclusive, only two Elders were present at the various sessional meetings, viz. Hugh M. Parks and Elias C. Kuykendal -H.D.H.)

"March 30th.1884.----. Session having called the Congregation together to choose additional Elders were informed that Mr. J. C. Ross and Dr. T. J. Kell had been unanimously elected Elders, did proceed according to form of our Book to their ordination. ------.

"June 15th.1884. Session met - constituted with Prayer. Present Rev. W. R. Atkinson, Moderator (pro tem) and Elders H. M. Parks, T. J. Kell, J. C. Ross and E. C. Kuykendal.---.

"Banks Chapel, July 27th.1884. The Session of Providence Ch met and was constituted with prayer. Present Rev. W. R. Atkinson, Moderator (pro tem) and Elders H.M.Parks, T.J.Kell, and J.C.Ross. ----.

(first minute to note the existence of the "Banks Chapel" officially)

"August 3d.1884. Session met - opened with prayer. Elder E.C.Kuykendal was appointed Moderator. Present Elders H.M. Parks, J.C.Ross and T.J.Kell.----.

"August 29th.1884. Session met - constituted with prayer. Present the Rev. A. R. Nicholson, Moderator (pro tem) and Elders H.M.Parks, J.C.Ross, T.J.Kell and E.C.Kuykendal.---.

"January 18th.1885. ----.Rev. R. A. Miller, Moderator (pro tem)---.

"March 15th.1885. ----.Rev. R. A. Miller (pro tem)----.

"August 2d.1885. -----Rev. P. R. Laird -----Moderator.--.

"Sept.13th.1885. ------. Rev. G. S. Robinson as Moderator.---.

"October 31st.1885.----. Moderator, Rev. J. L. McLees.-------.

(Several dismissions to Pineville found in the minutes of this period -H.D.H.)

"March 7th.1886. ------. Rev. A. R. Nicholson, Moderator.----.

"April 17th.1886. Session met and was constituted with prayer, by the Moderator. Present Elders H.M.Parks, J.C.Ross Dr. T.J. Kell, W.H.Downs, J.N.Reid and E.C.Kuykendal. -----.

(the moderator was Rev. J.L.McLees as shown by the minute on the following day.)

"Sept.5th.1886. (last minute by E.C.Kuykendal, Clerk of Session)

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"Nov.6,1886 -------. Elder E. C. Kuykendal tendered his resignation as clerk of the Session and Treasurer of the church-the resignation was accepted. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions in regard to his efficiency as clerk and Treasurer. Deacon W. F. Kuykendal was elected Treasurer, Elder H. M. Parks was elected clerk of the Session.-----.

(W.F.Kuykendal refused office and J.C.Ross elected Treasurer at the next meeting of Session,)

"Nov.7,1886. -----The following are the resolutions presented by the committee appointed yesterday and adopted by the Session.
Whereas Mr. E. C. Kuykendal our efficient and faithful clerk and Treasurer on account of ill health, has requested us, as a Session, to accept his resignation, Be it resolved,
(1) That the session accept his resignation with great reluctance and tender to him their sincere thanks for the long able & efficient thanks for the long able & efficient discharge of all duties incumbent upon him and that we as a session deeply regret his enfeebled health and pray the Father's richest blessings; the Saviour's choicest love and the Spirit's sweetest comfort to rest & abide upon him in his declining days.
Resolved (2) That these resolutions be recorded in our book

of minutes and that a copy of the same be sent to our beloved brother. (Signed) J.L.McLees, Pastor, Jas. T. Kell, J.C.Ross W.H.Downs, H.M.Parks.------. (Jas.T. Kell should read T.J.Kell)
-a scribe's error-

"January 2d.1887. -------. The following are the resolutions adopted by the session of Providence church concerning the death of our Brother E. C. Kuykendal which occurred Dec.27th. 1886.
Whereas - It has pleased the all-wise God to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother E. C. Kuykendal.
Whereas - in his death the church has lost and able and efficient elder and the session a wise and faithful counselor,
Whereas - We have been bereft of a friend who sought with us the welfare of the church, who counselled with us in hours of doubt, and who sympathized with us in every difficulty and trouble, Wherefore be it
Resolved - That while we with chastened faith, express our gratitude to God for the life and labors of his servant among us, and while we bow with resignation to our Father's will believing that he doeth all things well and while we will longer feel the loss which his providence has brought upon us we take this occasion to express our sorrow and grief.
Resolved - That we tender to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in this hour of deep sorrow, commending them to the love and sustaining strength of their Saviour,
Resolved - That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of the deceased and that they be read before the congregation and entered on the minutes and that they be offered to the N.C. Presbyterian for Publication.------.

"Aug.7,1887. -----. On motion the following resolutions were adopted, concerning the death of our Brother, J. C. Ross, which occurred July 3, 1887.
Whereas - It has pleased the great Head of our church to make a vacancy in our session by the death of J.C.Ross a beloved and faithful Elder
Resolved 1st. That we the session have lost a faithful friend and efficient colleague and the church a beloved and trusted member.
2nd. That we ever cherish the virtues that made our brother a faithful officer in Christ's church, and bound him by such strong ties to his community.
3rd. That as a mark of our appreciation of his work, we dedicate a page in our church records to his memory.
4th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family with the assurance of our profound sympathies for them

in their great affliction.
5th. That these resolutions be read to the congregation and a copy of them be furnished to the N.C. Presbyterian for publication.-----.

"Aug.14,1887. Banks Chapel.----.

"Nov.20, 1887. ----- Present the Moderator and Elders T.J.Kell, W.H.Downs, W.J.Stephenson, W.M.Ross and H.M.Parks -----.

(Messrs. W.J.Stephenson, W.M.Ross and S.R.Grier had been elected Elders at a congregational meeting the 1st.Sabbath in October, 1887. Apparently S.R.Grier was never O&I).

"Dec,4,1887. -----Agreeably to an order of the Session of Providence Ch a meeting of Providence congregation was held on Dec.4,1887. H.M.Parks was called to the chair, and W.F. Kuykendal requested to act as Secretary. According to former notice the Pastor, Rev. J. L. McLees tendered his resignation to the congregation. ----.

(here follows resolutions of appreciation for the ministry of J.L.McL.)

"March 21st.1888. ---. (J.L.McL. again appears as moderator).

"June 18,1888. -------. (J.L.McL. again appears as moderator).

"Sept.2d.1888. -------. (Moderator's name not given. In this minute appears for first time "Mecklenburg Presbytery")----
-----.
On motion, the following resolutions were adopted,concerning the death of our Bro. Mr. Joseph N. Reid.
Whereas - on the 2d.of April 1888 it pleased the Great Head of the church to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Elder Joseph N. Reid, and to transfer him from service in the church militant to his rest and reward in the church triumphant: And whereas owing to peculiar circumstances it was not in the power of this session to make a suitable record thereof at that time; we his brethren nevertheless still desirous of expressing our brotherly love toward him, our sense of the loss we have sustained, our high appreciation of his long & reliable service as an Elder inthis church, and our confidence in his piety, and in the triumph of his death, we now order that this minute be spread upon the Sessional Record and that a memorial page be assigned for the purpose of recording his birth, the date of his ordination as an Elder of this church, and that of his death.----.

"Mr.Joseph N. Reid, born June 8th.1805, Ordained as Elder in Providence Church, March 24, 1844. Departed this life, April 2, 1888. (a page in minutes reserved for the above)

"Oct.8,1888. -----. A committee composed of Rev. Rodger Martin & Elder T. J. Kell was appointed to visit certain members of this church in regard rumours of their unchristian walk, and report at a future meeting of the Session. A committee composed of Elders H. M. Parks and W. H. Downs were also appointed to visit other members of this church concerning rumours of their unchristian walk, and also report at a future meeting of the Session.----.

(first indication of Roger (not Rodger) Martin as the pastor) (other minutes which follow indicate disciplinary action re. the Oct.8,1888 minute)

"Nov.23,1889. ----. The object of the meeting was to enter upon the trial of the case of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. vs. ----- ------. (this and subsequent minute state the indictment, the charges, the defense, and the discipline).

"July 17,1890. Session met at Carolina Academy. Opened with prayer. Present R. Martin, Mod. Elders J.T. Kell, W.M. Ross and H.M. Parks. (the Clerk consistently identifies Dr.Kell as J.T. rather than T.J.. This minute and that of July 31,1890 concerns a lengthy disciplinary case with indictment, witnesses, and discipline)

"Mar.7, 1891. Banks Chapel. ----. Mr. Parks offered his resignation as Stated Clerk. His resignation was accepted. Mr. Parks asked to be relieved temporarily from acting as Elder. This request was granted. Mr. W. M. Ross was elected as Stated Clerk. (here follows a disciplinary case with further action noted in the minute of March 28, 1891.)

"April 8, 1891. -----. The statistical reports is as follows: Elders 5, Deacons 4, Communicants added on exam.6, Communicants added on certificate 2, Total of communicants 160, Adults baptized 2, Infants 17, Baptized non-communicants 101, Scholars in Sunday School & Bible Class 121, Teachers in S.S. & B.C.15, Sustenation $21.19, Church erection 12.41, Evangelistic 51.85, Invalid Fund 9.31, Foreign Missions 260.86, Education 105.75, Publication 9,58, Colored Evangelistic 6.15, Presbyterial 15.00, Pastor's Salary actually paid 800.00, Congregational 68.00, Miscellaneous 18.52.

(the minutes of April 27, April 30 concern charges by a member against an elder and the countercharges with lists of witnesses and the indictments. The case tried before a commission fr. Presbytery inasmuch as it involved an elder. the Clerk of Session, W.M.Ross, appends the findings of that commission-H.D.H.)

"Note. The Commission met in Providence Church on May 11th. 1892 & was duly constituted with prayer. After becoming & suitable retractions & acknowledgements were made by the offending party & after submission ~~xxxx~~ & a confession of sorrow & repentance both parties were allowed at their own request to withdraw their indictments. A mutual reconciliation was there effected & both parties in acknowledgement of the same came forward & publicly shook hands. The commission then declared that there was no case pending before them expressed their profound satisfaction at this happy termination of the matter & adjourned with singing prayer & the apostolic benediction. This note is entered in these records by order of Session.--.

"May 3d.1891. Immediately after public worship a congregational meeting of Providence Church was held. Rev. R. Martin acted as Modr. & Mr. W.M.Ross was requested to act as secretary. Dr. Kell offered the following resolution: Resolved. That this meeting appoint the Elders & Deacons of Providence Church a Committee to arrange before hand all necessary matters & to confer with the Commission appointed by Presbytery for the purpose & have the call adjusted, so as to adapt it to the new circumstances to arise from the organization of a Church at Banks Chapel. This resolution was seconded by Mr. W. F. Kuykendal. After words of explanation from Dr. Kell & the Moderator the question was taken by a rising vote & the resolution unanimously adopted - adjourned - closed with prayer. (signed) R.Martin Modr. W.M.Ross, Sec.

"May 11,1891. Session met & was opened with prayer. Present Rev. R. Martin Modr.Elders J.T.Kell, W.J.Stephenson, W.H.Downs & W.N.Ross. The following named persons jointly made application for a letter of dismissal to connect themselves with the church about to be organized at Banks Chapel. Jas.T.Kell, W.J.Stephenson, W.M.Parks,M.R.Parks,M.Ella Stephenson,Mary E. Stephenson,S.H.Kerr, Elizabeth Kerr, W.S.Smith, A.E.Smith, Leota Smith, S.P.Durant, Julia A. Durant,A.L.Durant, J.P.Rogers, R.A.Hudson, S.A.Hudson, Joseph Rogers, J.W.Rogers, M.S.Kell, S.H.Kell, M.E.Howie, R.A.McIlwaine, Ada L. McIlwaine, Wm. McIlwaine, L. McIlwaine, R.J.McIlwaine, Ella Rogers, Nora Rogers, Amanda Howard, Julia Howard, Mary McIlwaine, Mary E. Parks, M.J.Hall, S.J.Crane,W.D.Taylor, H.R.Taylor, J.E.Cunningham, J.R.Cunningham, Walter Cunningham, Mrs.Ida Harris.----.

"Session House, Providence Ch. Aug.1, 1891. Session met & was opened with prayer. Present. Rev. R. Martin Modr. Elders W.H. Downs, H.M.Parks & W.M.Ross. Mr. Parks resumes his duties as an acting elder.-----.

"Aug.15,1891. (this minute concerns congregational election of elders to fill vacancies when Elders Kell and Stephenson transferred to Banks Church)

"Oct.18,1891. Dr. Alexander & Mr. Kuykendal having signified their acceptance of the office of elder to which they had been elected were after a sermon suitable to the occasion solemnly ordained & installed as elders in Providence Church by prayer & laying on of the hands of the Session.

(i.e. H. Q. Alexander and W. F. Kuykendal)

"Mar.19,1892. (this minute is the last entry in the 1861 - 1892 sessional minutes. It contains a statistical report for the year 1891 - 1892. Total communicants listed 110 - a drop of 50 from the previous year)

STATISTICS FROM 1860-1 UNTIL 1891-92 FOUND IN THE SESSIONAL RECORD BOOK OF 1861 - 1892 COVER BUT THREE YEARS. IMPORTANT ITEMS ARE HERE TRANSCRIBED FOR CONTRAST. BETWEEN THE LAST TWO YEARS SHOWN THE BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAD BEEN FORMED. INITIALS OF PASTOR GIVEN.

	R.Z.J. 1860-1	R.M. 1890-1	R.M. 1891-2
Elders	6	5	5
Deacons	4	4	3
Communicant Members White	104	160	110
Communicant Members Colored	46	0	0
Total Communicant Members	150	160	110
Adults Baptisms	1	2	0
Infant Baptisms	3	17	11
Scholars in Sunday School	35	121	55
Officers & Teachers in S.S.	n.r.	15	3
Foreign Missions	$ 12.	$260.86	$163.16
Pastor's Salary	n.r.	n.r.	572.67 pd. up

FROM THE TEXT OF THE VOLUME OF SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 TO 1892 INCLUDING MINUTES PAGES 11 to 148 and REGISTER OF ELDERS AND DEACONS PAGES 1,2,3 and 9 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN DERIVED CONCERNING PASTORS, ELDERS AND DEACONS OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH FROM 1860 UNTIL 1892. (Material in parentheses explanatory and not part of original)

(1) Pastors and Supplies: Temporary and Stated

1. Jethro Rumple (pastor) Jan.16 1857 to October 1860.
(cf.Item 14 on previous list of pastors)

2. Robert Zenas Johnston (p) Nov.17, 1861 to March 1870.
(Davidson, Class of 1858)

3. William Banks (pastor) c. July 1872 to c. March 1875.
(Technically: pastor of Unity & S.S. of Providence)

4. W. H. Davis (supply) During Summer & Fall of 1875
Moderated Session 5/2/1875 and 11/7/1875

5. D. P. Robinson (supply) During Summer of 1875 Spring 1876
Moderated Session 8/14/1875 and 5/6/1876

6. G. S. Robinson (pastor) c.August 1876 to Aug.27, 1882
Moderated Session first by name 8/12/1876. Also Moderated 9/13/1885

7. W. E. McIlwaine (supply) Moderated Session 11/18/1882

8. W. M. Mills (supply) Moderated Session 6/3/1883

9. G. D. Parks (supply) Moderated Session 8/25/1883

10. W. R. Atkinson (supply) Moderated Session 6/15/1884 and 7/27/1884

11. A. R. Nicholson (supply) Moderated Session 8/3/1884 and 3/7/1886

12. R. A. Miller (supply) Moderated Session 1/18/1885 and 3/15/1885

13. P. R. Laird (supply) Moderated Session 8/2/1885

14. J. L. McLees (pastor) As a supply Moderated Session 10/31/1885
As pastor c.April 1886 to Dec.4 1887.
As a supply (again) Moderated Session in March & June 1888.

15. Roger Martin (pastor) c.Oct.1888
Moderated Session first by name 10/8/1888/
(one turns to next volume for further information here)

(2) Elders, including information on Office of Clerk of Session

1. Elders in office at the end of the Humple Pastorate and the beginning of the Robert Senas Johnston Pastorate (1862)

N. M. Stitt	died January 14, 1865
William Rea	died October 1880 Clerk until 4/20/62 (cf.former torn pages from early sessional book)
Robert Grier	
J. N. Reid	died April 2, 1888
William N. McKee	
J. N. Ross	died May 17, 1864

2. Elders ordained and installed in the R. Z. Johnston Pastorate.

E. C. Kuykendal	O&I April 15, 1866 Clerk of S. 7/25/1868 to 11/6/1886 died January 2, 1887
J. S. Reid	O&I April 15, 1866 Transferred out to new Matthews Church February 11, 1877

3. Elders ordained and installed in the William Banks Pastorate.

Hugh M. Parks	O&I May 17/18,1873 Clerk of S. 11/6/1886 to 3/7/1891
William Downs	O&I May 17/18,1873

4. Elders ordained and installed in period between the Robinson and the McLees Pastorates. Presumeably by one of the following supplies: W.M'Mills, G.D.Parks, W.R.Atkinson or A.R.Nicholson.

J. C. Ross	O&I March 30, 1884 died 7/3/1887
T. J. Kell, (M.D.)	O&I March 30, 1884 Transferred to Banks Ch.5/11/1891

5. Elders ordained and installed in the J. L. McLees Pastorate.

W. J. Stephenson	O&I November 6, 1887 (1st.mention in minute of Nov.20,1887 however) Transferred to Banks Ch.5/11/1891
W. M. Ross	O&I November 6, 1887 Clerk of S. March 7, 1891 (turn to next volume)

6. Elders ordained and installed in the Roger Martin Pastorate.

W. F. Kuykendal	O&I October 18, 1891
H. Q. Alexander (M.D.)	O&I October 18, 1891

(3) Deacons

1. Deacons ordained and installed in the Jethro Rumple Pastorate

William Grey	O&I 1859	Moved to Georgia 1865
Hugh M. Parks	O&I 1859	To Eldership 1873
John G. Query	O&I 1859	
J. S. Reid	O&I 1859	To Eldership 1866

2. Deacons ordained and installed in the Robert Zenas Johnston Pastorate

W. M. Stitt	O&I April 15, 1866
Samuel B. Howard	O&I April 15, 1866
Elias McKee	O&I April 15, 1866

3. Deacons ordained and installed in the William Banks Pastorate.

Wm. A. Knox	O&I May 17, 1873 died 1/22/1875
W. F. Kuykendal	O&I May 17, 1873

FROM THE TEXT OF THE VOLUME OF SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 - 1892.
INFORMATION CONCERNING SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Solomon Reid, resigned office August 16, 1863

Elias C. Kuykendal, elected to office August 16, 1863

William Rea, elected Superintendent of Coloured Sunday School
May 13, 1866

Elias C. Kuykendal, elected Superintendent for Sunday School
for both whites and coloured, May 12, 1867
(Minute of Oct.24,1867, reports exodus of coloured from church connections at Providence)
resigned office (white school) May 5, 1877

William H. Downs, elected Superintendent May 5, 1877
(W.C.K. as Assistant)
resigned office April 24, 1881

A. S. Nesbit, elected Superintendent on or shortly after April 24, 1881. (As such name first appears in July 9, 1881 minute)
dismissed by certificate Oct. 23, 1881

(No information on Superintendents of Sunday School in further minutes of this record, that is, down to the last minute, March 19, 1892 -M.D H.)

VOLUME OF PROVIDENCE SESSIONAL RECORDS 1861 - 1892

REGISTER OF COMMUNICANTS AS FOUND ON PAGES 18 TO 43. EMENDATIONS AND VITAL DATA AS IT IS SHOWN.

Neil M. Stitt, died Jany.14th.1865. Served as Elder for thirty /years

Mrs. Jane Stitt, died Jany 2d.1865

William M. Matthews, dismissed Jany3d.1864 to Charlotte Ch'

Mrs. Ann Matthews, " " "

William Grey dismissed Oct.29th.1865 to Ga. by certificate

Mrs.Jane Grey " " " "

Hugh M. Parks

Mrs. Ann Parks

Mrs. Agnes Hudson died July 28th.1865

Mrs. L. M. Bazel died Oct.3d.1870

John Black died Oct.29th.1868

Mrs.Mary T. Black

Mrs. Mary Stitt

~~Mrs.-Elizabeth-Query-~~ died Nov.13th.1863

Hugh A. Grey dismissed Oct.29,1865 to Ga. by certificate

Mrs. Jane Grey " " " "

Mrs. Margaret A. Weeks dismissed Aug.26th.1882 to Pineville

Mrs.Mary Rea

~~Mrs.-Margaret-Barnetts-~~ died 1862

Mrs. Lucinda C. Dunn dismissed June 25th.1882 toPineville,N.C.

Joseph C. Ross died July 1887

Mrs. Jane Ross

Miss Margaret A. Ross (Mrs. Wm.Black) dismissed to Matthews

Mrs. Mary Matthews

Samuel B. Howard died March 1881, deacon

Mrs.Margaret Howard

James Walkup died June 24th.1874

~~Moses A. Parks~~--

~~Mrs.Nancy Parks~~-

~~Miss Tabitha Pierce~~-

~~Solomon Reid~~-- died May 27, 1863

Miss Martha J. Reid (Mrs. M.A.McKee)

William B. Reid died July 24th.1877

Mrs. Tirzah Reid

Miss Jane McLewen died Feb.20th.1871

Mrs.Melinda McCall

Joseph E. Sample died August 13th. 1871 a deacon thirty years

Mrs. M. C. Sample

M. C. Kuykendal died Dec.27th.1886

Mrs. Margaret Kuykendal died June 7th.1884

Joseph B. Black "never was member" (handwriting of E.C.K.)

Mrs. Jane A. Black dismissed to Pleasant Hill M.P.Ch' Oct. 21st.1866. -H.D.H.-

John M. Houston died Aug.11th. 1872

Mrs.Mary Houston

~~Thomas A. Black~~- died Jan 11, 1864

Mrs.Margaret J. Black (Mrs.Newell) dismissed to M.E.Church

John Reid died Feby.16, 1865 In service at Salisbury,N.C.

Mrs. Martha M. Reid dismissed to Matthews

Miss Susan Reid " " "

Miss Martha P. Blair, now Mrs. Foster

Miss Margaret S. Query

Miss Martha C. Query

William P. Houston dismissed Philadelphia Nov. 2d. 1870

Mrs. Margaret Houston " " " "

E. C. Grier

Mrs. Lydia Grier

~~Robert Grier~~ died Feby 5, 1889

Mrs. Mary Grier [illegible]

William Rea

Mrs. Minerva Rea

Miss Margaret E. Rea dismissed to Pineville

Miss Ann C. Rea dismissed to M. E. Church

Joseph N. Reid

John W. Reid died May 12, 1872

Miss Ellen E. Arnold

Miss Mary E. Stevenson

David S. Coffee died May 2, 1891

Mrs. Jane Coffee

Miss Mary Jane Stitt, now Mrs. George Howie dismissed June 25th. 1882 to Pineville, N.C.

James Kerr

Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr

~~Av-Av-Houston-~~ name erased April 29th.1866

~~Mrs.-Josephine-Houston-~~ " " "

Joseph Gribble, M.D. dismissed March 4th.1877 to Matthews

Mrs. Mary Gribble

Elias A. McKee died Jan.8th.1890

James Cunningham dismissed to Pineville

Mrs. Mary J. Cunningham " "

J. Solomon Reid dismissed Feby.11th.1877 to Matthews

Mrs. Mary J. Reid " " "

William M. Stitt dismissed to 2nd.Presbyterian Ch, Charlotte

~~Mrs.-Eliza-Stitt-~~ "name appears below"

William W. Grier dismissed to 2nd.Presby.Ch.Charlotte March /17,1887

William M. Parks

Edward S. Grier

Richard H. Stitt died Dec.24th1862 In Army of N.Va.

Mrs. Amanda Stitt (Mrs. Jeff Ezzell) died Aug.24th.1872

James N. Ross died May 17th.1864 Killed defending his country near Spottsylvania C.H.,Va. Co.K, 30th.N.C.Inf.

Mrs.Laura Ross

John M. Matthews

Mrs.Eliza Matthews

Mrs. Elisabeth Rea dismissed Jan 8th.1870 to Sharon Ch.

~~Miss-Eliza-Av-Rea-~~(Mrs.Lee Manson) dis. July 7,1889 Pineville

Miss Sarah Grey (Mrs.Jas.Ezzell) dismissed July 7,1872

Miss Tirzah Grey "name appears below"

James M. Stitt dismissed to Monroe

~~Mrs. Margaret E. Stitt~~ "name appears below"

James T. Lee died May 12,1864 Killed defending his country near Spottsylvania C.H.,Va.,Lieut.in Co.K. 30th. N.C.Inf.

Smiley P. Caldwell dismissed July 25,1868 to Sharon Ch.

William N. McKee dismissed to Charlotte 2nd.Ch.

Miss Jane K. Reid

Miss Mary C. Reid

Miss Isabella Reid

***** Miss Tirza Grey Ad. Sept 1861. Dis. Oct.29,1865 to Ga.by certificate

Mrs. Margaret Eliza Stitt Ad. May 23, 1862 dis. to 2d.Ch. Charlotte

Mrs.Mary Pierce Ad. May 24, 1862

Miss Mary E. Matthews (Mrs.Hunter) Ad. Oct.12,1862 dis.April 17, 1869 by certificate

Miss Julia Sophira Parks (Mrs.Bryant) " " .

Miss Mary Rebecca Vincher (Mrs. J.C.Grier) now Mrs.Wm.Parks ad. Oct.12,1862

Miss Mary Susan Coffee (Mrs.Wm.Downs) ad. Oct.12,1862

Miss Nannie J. Izzell ad. Oct.12,1862, "name erased"

Miss Margt Elmira Query ad. " "

Miss Margt Jane Black ad. " " dis. to Pleasant Hill M.P.Ch Sept 1, 1867

~~Miss Alice Levina Moss~~ ad. Oct.12,1862 d. Jule 1, 1863

Mrs.Mary M. Grier ad. April 4, 1863 dis.certificate to M.E.Ch.Charlotte

Mrs. Jane Harkness (formerly Jane Lewis)

Eli Harkness

Wm. L. Ratteree ad. May 2, 1863 died June 6,1864 in Petersburg, Va.

Nancy Ratteree ad. May 2, 1863

Margaret Jane McCall ad. April 3d.1864

**** (dates of admission begin here which means that all the foregoing were members at the beginning of the R.Z.Johnston pastorate)

Mrs. Mary Lewis (formerly Miss Harkness)

Miss Dovey M. Dunn (now Mrs.Smith) ad. May 13th.1866 dismissed Dec.7, 1875 to Pineville

Miss Margrt E. Ezzell ad. May 13, 1866

J. H. Maxwell ad July 22, 1866 dis. Aug.18,1872 to Sharon

Eliza Maxwell " " " " " "

P. P. Maxwell " " " Jan.8,1870 to Sharon

Margaret Maxwell " " " " "

Mrs. Taylor Stitt (formerly Miss A.M.Alison) dis.Oct.1866 to Harrison M.E.Ch'

Isabella A. Watson Sample (Mrs. Knox) ad. Aug.25, 1866

Phebe Eugenia Ezzell ad. Aug.25, 1866 "moved to Texas"

Lauma Reid ad.Aug.25, 1866 dis. Nov.1877 to Matthews

Sarah Emily Matthews " " .

Jas. Wilson Ross " " died August 16, 1871

William J. Stephenson " "

John Walker Matthews " "

Mrs. Mary E. Mead ad. Sept.23, 1866 dis. Mar.4, 1877 to Matthews

Ellen Ann Grier ad April 21, 1867

Martha Elizabeth Harget ad Aug.8, 1866 dis.Jan.8,1870 to Sharon

Martha Isabella Stephenson ad.March 29,1868 dis. July 21,1878 to Monroe died Jan.12,1889

~~Seka-R.-Warwick-~~ ad.Aug.7,1869

Mrs. R.J.Warwick " "

William Smith " "

Margaret Smith " "

Margaret McGinnis ad. Oct.31,1869

William Franklin Kuykendal ad. Oct.30, 1870

~~Green-Lee-Rea-~~ ad. May 21, 1871 died Mar.9, 1890

Jennie Howie - Mrs. Rev. W.E.McIlwaine ad.May 20,1871

William H. Downs ad. Nov.19,1871

John Baxter Ross " " dis. to Charlotte

Maggie E. Matthews - Mrs. M.E.Delaney ad. Nov.19,1871

Miss Mary M. Mead ad. May 5, 1872 dis. to Matthews

James T. Matthews " " "

~~James-R.-Dunn--~~ " July 21, 1872 died January 24,1888

G. Columbus Morris " " dis.to Amity Ch.
(probably died. Sept.5,1891. Date uncertain-R.D.M.)

~~Mattie-Grier-~~ ad July 21,1872 died Jan.28,1888 "A consecrated Christian"

Mary Downs ad July 21, 1872 dis.1873 to Charlotte

James F. Pierce " " " .

Margaret C. Dunn " " " .

Mary Jane Ross " " " .

Thomas Oliver Ross " " " .

William A. Knox " " " . died Jan.22,1875 "A Faithful deacon"

James A. Caldwell ad. Aug.4, 1872

Henry Bryant ad. Sept.28, 1872

Samuel Houston Kerr ad. Nov. 3, 1872

Maggie Ann Kerr (Mrs. W.A.Pearce) ad. Nov.3, 1872

Julia C. Morris ad. Nov.3, 1872 dis. to Amity Ch.

Mrs. Elizabeth Flow

Mrs. Mary E. McGinnis dis. to Monroe, 1877.

Samuel Newell admitted May 10, 1873 dismissed Dec.11,1881

Elizah M. Walker ad. Aug.1, 1873

Mrs. Sarah A. Porter ad. Aug.2, 1873 dis.July 9,1881 to Pine /ville

Miss S. C. Reid ad. Aug.3, 1873 dis. to Matthews

Mrs. Ann Smith ad. Aug.1, 1873

John Zephaniah Porter ad. Jan.4, 1874 dis. July 9, 1881 to , Pineville

James H. Gribble " " " died July 18,1878

Mrs. Sarah Gribble " " " dis. to Matthews

Miss Sallie A. Howard , Mrs.Hudson ad. May 16, 1874

W. E. McIlwaine ad. July 5, 1874

Jefferson Miller McIlwaine ad. Aug.16, 1874 dis. to Cumberland Presby.Ch.

Mrs.Martha A. Ross ad. Nov.14, 1875

Mrs. Martha C. Matthews ad. May 2, 1875

W. T. Matthews " " "

A. G. Reid ad. Aug.14, 1875 dis. "to no particular church"

Mrs. Jane Reid " " " " " "

William A. Pierce ad. Nov.7, 1875

Emma C. Kuykendal ad. May 6, 1876 died Sept.26, 1884

Mary C; Caldwell " " " dismissed to Monroe

Richard A. Hudson " " "

A. S. Nesbit ad. Aug.13,1876 dis.Oct.23,1881 Carolina,Ark.

I. W. Nesbit " " " dismissed by certificate

Mary A. Nesbit " " " dis.Oct.23,1881 Carolina,Ark.

Laura A. Nesbit " " " dis. to M.E.Ch.

~~Mattie A. Sample,~~ now Mrs. Hood, ad. Aug.13,1876 dis. to Presby.Ch. Davidson College

Mollie Gribble ad. Aug.13,1876

Maggie Gribble " " "

Mollie Caldwell, Mrs. Hoover ad. Aug.13,1876 dis. Ap.26,1889 to Sharon

~~Ellen Caldwell,~~ Mrs. Helms ad. Aug.13,1876 dis. to Presby.Ch. Monroe, N.C.

A. R. Nesbit ad. Aug.13,1876 dis. Nov.14,1880

S. W. Rea ad. Aug.14,1876 "gone west"

Mrs. Mary J. Robinson ad. May 5, 1877 dis. April 23, 1882 /to Pineville

Robert A. Dunn ad. May 5, 1877

Miss Manie Elizabeth Parks ad. Aug.4, 1877, dis. to Yorkville

Miss Julia Catharine Howard " " " dis. April 23,1882 /to Fort Mill, (S.C.)

Miss Mary L. McIlwain, Mrs. Dr. Rone, ad. Aug.4, 1877, dis. to Marvin M.E. Church

Charles C. McIlwain ad. Aug.4, 1877 "retired"

Mrs. Rebecca Arabella McIlwain ad. Aug.4, 1877

F. H. Robinson ad. 1877

Dr. T. J. Kell ad. Feb.17, 1878

Mrs. Mary S. Kell " " "

Mrs. M. S. Nesbit ad. June 2, 1878 "certificate"

Joseph Rodgers ad. June 16, 1878

Mrs. Isabella Rodgers " " "

Miss Emma Parks ad. July 21, 1878 dis. July 31,1886 to /Sharon

Thomas Oliver Parks ad. Aug.13, 1878

Mrs. Levica McIlwain ad. May 4, 1879

Marcus A. Alexander " " " dis. Aug.21,1890 to Sharon

Miss Molly Alexander, now Mrs. S. Grier, admitted May 4, 1879

Dr. William McIlwain ad. Aug.1, 1879

William Richard Keil ad. Aug.2, 1879

Mrs. Helen Vail ad. May 8, 1880 died July 9, 1881

Richard D. Ross ad. Aug.7, 1880

William M. Matthews ad. April 23, 1881

Mrs. Sallie E. Matthews " "

Miss Nannie J. Alexander (Reid) ad. April 23, 1881, dis. April 7, 1889 to Matthews

~~Miss Ida H. Caldwell~~ ad. April 23, 1881 dis. to Monroe

~~Mrs. Jennie Dunn~~ ad. March 13, 1881 dis. May 20, 1889 to /Pineville

Samuel R. Grier ad. July 23, 1881

James M. Grier " " "

William R. Grier " " "

John M. Whitesides " " "

Tabitha June Gardner ad. July 23, 1881

R. F. Rogers dis. Sept.4, 1881 to Concord

Mrs. Ella Rogers " " " "

Robert McIlwaine ad. Sept.25, 1881

Miss Margaret J. McIlwaine " " dis. July 31, 1885

Mrs. W. A. Watson ad. Sept.11, 1881

Solomon Reid McKee ad. Oct.23, 1881

S. M. Stitt Matthews ad. April 23, 1882

Miss M. Jackie Howard, now Mrs.Stevens, ad. April 23,1882 dis. Jan.2,1887 to Monroe

Ila A. Parks, now Mrs.Miller, ad. Aug.26, 1882 dis. March 23, 1887 to Hopewell Ch.

~~John J. Richardson~~ admitted Aug.26,1882 dismissed Mar 18, 1889 to Fort Mill, S.C.
~~Rebecca J. Richardson~~ ad. Aug.26, 1882 dis. Mar.18,1889 to Fort Mill, S.C.
Miss Lilly Amelia Stephenson ad. Nov.19, 1882

Mrs. Julia Jane Patterson ad. June 3, 1883

T. A. Rodgers ad. June 14, 1884

Ida H. Potts , now Mrs. Harris, ad. July 27, 1884

~~Mary Amanda Sharp~~, now Mrs.Kimbrell, ad. July 27,1884 dis. May 26, 1889 to Pineville. (Kimble)
Mrs. Cynthia (Cinthia) Elizabeth Crain ad. July 27,1884

John P. McGinnis ad.June 15, 1884

Mollie McGinnis " " "

Miss Margaret E. Grier, Mrs. W.J.Hudson, ad. Aug.3,1884

G. H. Rodgers ad. Aug.3, 1884 dis. Dec.15, 1889 /to Charlotte,N.C.
Samuel Hicklin Kell ad. Aug.30, 1884

John B. Coffy ad. " "

Miss Ida Alexander " " "

Miss Theresa Jane Downs ad. Aug. 30, 1884

Miss Mattie Louisa Rea (Mrs. Coffee) ad. Aug.30,1884

Mrs. Bell (sp.?) T. Rea ad. Aug.30, 1884

Miss Maggie Coffy, now Mrs.Pierce, ad. Aug.30, 1884

Miss Margaret Julia Parks ad. Aug.30, 1884

Miss Margaret L. Grier " " "

William McKee ad. Aug.31, 1884

W. S. P. Hunter " " "

Elizabeth An Hunter " " "

Cob Hood ad. Sept.7, 1884

William Marion Harget ad. Sept.7, 1884

William Clarence Ross " " "

Wade Hill Harney " " "

S. A. Crane ad. Aug.31, 1884

~~Jr-Fr-Mr-Davidson~~ ad. June 14, 1885 died Feb.25, 1887
~~Miss-Dorcas-E.-Davidson~~ " " " dis.Feb.16, 1887 to
Mrs. Ella Barnet Parks ad. Aug.2, 1885 /Morganton

Miss Mary Bell Grier " " "

Mrs. Harriet Taylor ad. Sept.13, 1885

J. R. Cunningham ad. Oct.31, 1885

Thomas N. Helms ad. Nov.1, 1885

M. F. Rodgers ad. March 7, 1886

J. C. Garrison ad. April 17, 1886 dis. April 22,1888
/to Mallard Creek Ch.

Miss Minnie Hunter ad. April 13, 1886

Mrs. Mattie Eugenia Ross ad. June 20, 1886

Miss Carrie Knox ad. Aug.2d.1886

J. W. McKinney ad. Aug.2, 1886

Jane McKinney " " "

Adelade McKinney " " "

Sarah McKinney " " "

John W. McKinney " " "

Charlton D. Howard ad. Nov. 6, 1886

Mrs. M. Ellen Stephenson ad. " " "

M. N. Yandle ad. Nov.7, 1886

Mrs. Delia Yandle " " "

Miss Anna McR. Yandle " " "

James P. Rogers admitted Nov.21, 1886

James W. Steel ad. Aug.1, 1886

~~Mrs. Sr. Jr. Steel~~ " " " dismissed to BellAir M.E. Ch.

W. M. Ross ad. Aug.29, 1884

J. W. Gardiner ad. Aug.25, 1883 (entry occurs in this order R.D.H.)

Robert Johnson McGinnis ad. April 17, 1887

Mrs. W. F. Kuykendal ad. April 30, 1887

Mrs. M. J. Bell ad. May 1, 1887

Miss Maggie Julia Mathews ad. May 1, 1887

Miss Nora Emma Myers ad. May 1, 1887

Robt. A. Cunningham " " "

~~Henry Baxter Kimbrell~~ " " " dis. May 20,1887 to Pineville,N.C.

David Jonathan Downs ad. Aug.21, 1887

Walter Dunam Smith " " "

Miss Cora May Smith " " "

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Smith ad. Aug.21, 1887

Mrs. Eliza Harget " " "

Miss Lila Jane Matthews " Aug.23, 1887

Wm. Franklin McGinnis ad. Aug. 23, 1887

J. M. Caldwell " " "

Mrs. Mary Amanda Howard ad. Sept.13, 1887

Miss Julia Elizabeth Howard " " " "

H. G. L. Rea ad. Dec. 4, 1887

Miss Carrie Watson Rea ad. Dec.18, 1887

Mrs. Julia C. Caston ad. Nov.20, 1887

S. F. Durant admitted Nov.20, 1837

Miss Lou Durant " " "

Miss Julia Durant " " "

Rev. L. Reed-- ad. June 15, 1838 died June 23, 1888

Miss Julia Lista Smith ad. June 24, 1838

Mrs. Mary M. McIlwaine " " "

C. W. Potts ad. June 24, 1838 dis. Feb.1891 to Fort Mill, S.C.

Mrs. M. M. Potts " " " " " " "

Dr. H. Q. Alexander ad. Sept.15, 1838

Mrs. Anna Lee Alexander ad. " "

James Edward Cunningham ad. Sept. 16, 1838

Miss Maggie Susan Downer ad. Nov.17, 18[illegible]

Miss Julia Hunter " " "

Miss Mary Essie Long " " "

Miss Annie Amanda Leonard " " "

Miss Ella Irene Hunter " " "

Miss Sallie Caldwell ad. Feb. 5, 1839

Mrs. Mary Hibbons ad. March 18, 18[illegible]

Mrs. M. J. Hall ad. May 26, 1839

J. M. Hall " " "

Miss Leona A. Rodgers " " "

Miss Ada L. McIlwain " " "

Miss Mary A. Stevenson " " "

Miss Augusta Hunter ad. Aug.3, 18[illegible]

Victor Bryant " " "

Walter L. Gardner admitted Nov.25, 1889

~~Miss Mary Selina Kernier~~ " April 22, 1890 died June 1, 1890

W. H. Patterson ad. May 3, 1890

J. M. McIlwaine " May 10, 1890

William Addison Caldwell ad. Aug.2, 1890

Lawrence Cadler Tandle ad. Aug.9, 1890

Walter C. Cunningham ad. Aug.31, 1890

John Jones ad. May 2, 1891

Mrs. John Jones " " "
(Jennie)

Mrs. W. M. Ross ad. May 2, 1891

Miss Lyde M. Dunn " " "

Lester S. Knox " " "

Miss Mary Ella Parks ad. May 9, 1891

Miss Mary A. Kuykendol ad. Aug. 1, 1891

Mrs. Emily M. Moreberg ad. Aug.2, 1891

George L. Pettus ad. Aug.2, 1891

Miss Maggie Leola Patterson ad. Oct.31, 1891

(Names scored out appear so in the Record--A.H.)

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES ARE LISTED IN THE SESSIONAL MINUTES OF THE RECORDS FROM 1861 - 1892 BUT WHOSE NAMES ARE OMITTED FROM THE FOREGOING LISTS. NOTE: NAMES COMPLICATED BY MARRIAGE.

Joseph W. Reid	admitted	Aug. 25, 1866
Mary (Mollie) Reid	"	Aug. 14, 1876
Franklin Gribble	"	Oct.8, 1876
Dr. Thomas C. Caldwell	"	May 5, 1877 died (June 2,1877)
Mrs.Martha (Mattie) Boatwright		dismissed July 21, 1878 to /Monroe
Mrs. A. C. Lee		dismissed Nov.19, 1882 by certificate
B. E. Kell	ad. Aug.25, 1883	dis. by certificate
Charles B. Yandle	ad. Nov.2, 1889	
Mrs. Lillie A. Clark	dismissed	Sept.28, 1890
Nora Rogers	"	May 11, 1891 to Banks Ch.
W. D. Taylor	"	" " "
J. W. Rogers	"	" " "

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REGISTER OF DEATHS. PAGES 121, 122. INCOMPLETE LIST COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 1862 UNTIL 1875. ONLY THOSE NAMES TRANSCRIBED WHOSE RECORD IS MISSING FROM THE LIST OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS.

Alice L. Ross	died July 1, 1863. "aged 15 yrs. & 6 mo."
Mrs. Nancy Rea	died March 1867 " 95 years of age "

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES. PAGES 102, 103. INCOMPLETE LIST COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 1863 UNTIL 1867. THE R. Z. JOHNSTON PASTORATE.

Major Elias A. McKee, of Providence	Martha J. Reid, Oct.20,1863.
Sgt. James A. Ezzell, of Providence	Sallie A. Gray, Jan.6, 1864.
Capt.John C. Grier, of Providence	Mary R. Fincher, Nov.22, 1864
Lieut. Henry Bryant, of Green Co.,N.C.	Julia S. Parks, May 11, 1865
George W. Howey, of Union Co.,N.C.	Mary J. Stitt, Aug.3, 1865
Joseph L. Weeks, of Mecklenburg Co.	Margaret R. Robinson, Aug.17, 1865
William H. Downs, of Mecklenburg Co.	M. Sue Coffey, Nov.14, 1865 ~~Maggie A. W. Ross, Feb.1, 1866~~
William C. Black, of Mecklenburg,Co.	Maggie A. W. Ross, Feb.1, 1866.
Samuel W. Smith of Hockins Co.,Tenn	Dovey E. Dunn, Nov.13, 1866.
J. Zeph. Porter of Bell Air, S.C.	Sallie A. Coffey, Nov.15, 1866
W. Smiley P. Hunter of Mallard Creek,N.C.	Bettie A. Matthews, Dec.11, 1866
William Lee Manson of Providence	Eliza A. Rea, Dec.18, 1866
James R. Dunn of Providence	Margaret C. Porter, May 2, 1867
Thomas J. Nelson of Mecklenburg Co.	Susan J. Reid, May 16, 1867

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Major Elias A. McKee

Captain John C. Grier

Sgt. James A. Ezzell

James N. Ross **

William L. Ratteree **

Lieut. Henry Bryant

John Reid **

Richard H. Stitt **

Lieut. James T. Lee **

Part-Time Chaplain
Robert Zenas Johnston

ADDITIONAL NAMES OF THOSE WHO SERVED 1861 - 1865 FROM THE PROVIDENCE DARGAN-CLERK RECORDS. ** INDICATED AS WAR CASUALTY. -OR OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION.-

William P. Barnette **

John Edward Fincher **

Robert N. Grier **

James Morrison Stitt **

Major Thomas J. Kell

John P. Ross

S. W. Thomas Dunn **

Richard Thomas Grey **

James M. Noe **

William Henry Downs

Capt. James Potts Ardrey

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REGISTER OF BAPTISMS AS FOUND IN PAGES 73 TO 81. INFORMATION FREQUENTLY INCOMPLETE. bn - born, bd - baptized.

Edward Houston of A.A.Houston, bd 8/1861

Emma Parks of Hugh & Ann Parks, bd 8/1861

Susan Stitt of James & Margaret Stitt, bd 8/1861

Ella Jane Howard of S. W. Howard, bd 5/23/1862

James Taylor Ross of Joe C. & Jane Ross, bd 5/23/1862

Amzi Calvin Reid of John & Martha Reid, bd 5/23/1862

William Kerr Reid of E. C. & Lydia Grier, bd 5/24/1862

Mattie Anna Ross of J. N. & Laura Ross, bn 12/31/1861 bd 7/27/1862

John Beauregard Coffee of D. S. & Jane Coffee, bn 5/9/1861 bd 8/29/1862

John Daniel Baker of R.H. & N.A.Stitt,bn 9/2/1861 bd 8/30/1862

Mary Elizabeth Black of T.A. & M.J.Black, bn 2/18/1862 bd 10/11/1862

Margaret Jane Black, adult, bd 10/11/1862

Cynthia Malissa Parks of H.M. & Ann Parks, bn 10/21/1862 bd 5/2/1863

Hugh Morrison Grey of H.A. & J.M.Grey, bn 9/24/1862 bd 5/2/1863

Annabella Elizabeth Grier of Wm.W. & Mary M., bn 3/20/1863 bd 6/28/1863

James Edwards Stitt of W.M. & Eliza, bn 5/25/1863 bd 4/2/1864

Mary Aermenia Stitt of J.M. & Margaret, bn 1/1864 bd 9/25/1864

Sarah William Ratteree of W. L. & Nancy, bn 12/17/1863 bd 11/6/1864

Edward Solomon Reid of J.S. & M.J., bn 8/11/1864 bd 4/9/1865

Lula Jane Grey of Hugh & Jane, bn 10/20/1864 bd 5/14/1865

Solomon Reid McKee of Elias & Martha, bn 8/25/1864 bd 5/14/1865

Margaret Lillian Grier of E.C. & Lydia, bn 11/1864 bd 6/3/1865

Laura Newell Ross of Mrs. Laura Ross, bn 6/5/1864 bd 7/2/1865

Catherine Caldwell Johnston of Rev. R.Z. & C.M., bn 8/30/1865 bd 5/3/1866

Maggie Catherine Stitt of Jas.& Margt., bn 2/26/1866 bd 7/8/1866

Lila Bell Stitt of W. M. & Eliza, bn 10/10/1865 bd 7/8/1866

William Neal McKee of Elias & Martha, bn 7/16/1866 bd 10/14/1866

Mary Jackson Howard of Saml& Margt., bn 6/12/1866 bd 10/14/1866

Mary Martha Mead of Mary Mead, bn 2/24/1865 bd 10/17/1866

Robert Dickey Ross of J.C. & Jane, bn 7/4/1864 bd 10/17/1866

Mattie Irene of P.P. & Mag' E. Maxwell, bn 12/20/1865 bd 10/21/1866

Minnie Willette Grier of W.W. & Mary M., bn 8/18/1866 bd 11/17/1866

Margaret Julia Parks of Hugh & Ann, bn 5/7/1867 bd 7/21/1867

Margaret Elizabeth Grier of John & Mary, bn 3/26/1867 bd 7/21/1867

Eliza Ellen Reid of J.Sol & Mary, bn 4/12/1867 bd 7/21/1867

Thomas Morrison Howie of Geo.& M.J., bn 6/3/1867 bd 1/27/1868

Lucla Lu Matthews of J.M. & Eliza, bn 10/5/1861 bd 2/1/1868

Olimpia Moratta Matthews of " " bn 3/23/1864 bd 2/1/1868

Saml. Watson Matthews of " " bn 6/9/1866 bd 2/1/1868

Bettie Douglas Johnston of Rev. R.Z. & C.M., bn 9/12/1867 bd 3/28/1868

Carrie L. Maxwell of P.P. & Mag', bn 8/18/1867 bd 3/28/1868

Robert Morrison Grier of W.W. & Mary, bn 4/6/1868 bd 6/7/1868

Freddie Eugene Stitt of Jas.M. & Maj., bn 11/7/1867 bd 6/7/1868

Teresa Jane Downs of Wm.& Susan, bn 9/29/1867 bd 6/7/1868

Eulilla Gray Ezzell of Jas. & Sallie, bn 5/29/1867 bd 6/7/1868

Robert Johnston McGinnis of John & Mary, bn 2/28/1868 bd 6/7/1868

Mary Bell Grier of M.C. & Lydia, bn -- bd 10/11/1868

Conor Lee Smith of Wm.& Mary, bn 3/17/1868 bd 10/26/1868

Victor Silas Bryant of H. & J. Bryant, bn --- bd 11/14/1868

Francis Stafford LeQuex of H.D. & M.B., bn --- bd 11/14/1868

Mattie Ann Stitt of J.M. & Margaret, bn 4/29/1869 bd 9/12.1869

Charlton Oliver Howard of Saml. & Margt., bn 11/15/1868 bd 6/5/1869

Fanny Warwick of J.R. & E., bn --- bd 5/29/1870

Alphonso Parks Bryant of H. & J., bn --- bd 5/29/1870

John Houston Foster of Amelia Foster, bd 5/29/1870

David Jonathan Downs of W.H. & S., bd 5/29/1870

Carrie Etta Knox of W.A. & Isabella, bn 7/25/1870 bd 3/12/1871

James Walter Parks of Wm. & Mary, bn 10/20/1870 bd 5/19/1871

Mary Ella Grier of Wm. & Mary, bn 11/30/1869 bd 5/19/1871

John Caldwell Calhoun Matthews of J.M. & Eliza, bn 10/27/1870 bd 5/20/1871

Margaret Julia Matthews " " " bn 7/9/1868 bd 5/20/1871

Samuel Watson McKee of Elias & Martha, bn 2/1/1871 bd 11/19/1871

Lydia Elizabeth Reid of J.S. & Mary, -- bd 5/4/1872

Amanda Louisa McCall of Martha J. McCall, bd 8/3/1872

Jennie May Knox of W.A. & Isabella, bn 10/30/1871 bd 8/2/1872

Martha Lucinda Howie of Geo.& Mary Jane, bn --- bd 9/29/1872

Carrie Bell Stitt of James & Margaret, bn 6/26/1872 bd 9/15/1872

Julia Leota Smith of W.S.Smith, bn 7/2/1872 bd 9/29/1872

Anna Amanda Howard of S.B. & Margaret, bn 8/9/1872 bd 11/1/1872

William Henry Parks of W.M. & Mary, bn 7/6/1872 bd 11/1/1872

Cora Lucinda Smith of S.W. & Dovey E., bn 4/20/1868 bd 5/16/1873

William Alexander Smith of " " , bn 3/19/1871 bd 5/16/1873

Alice Beulah Squires of T.& Laura, bn 10/1/1873 bd 5/16/1874

William Banks Grier Reid of J.S. & Mary, bn --- bd 6/7/1874

Jefferson Miller McIlwaine, adult, bd 8/16/1874

Mary Essie Howie of Geo. & Mary Jane, bn 5/10/1874 bd 12/7/1874

William Absolom Knox of Isaballa, bn 1/17/1875 bd 4/30/1875

Martha Jane Nelson of ------- Nelson, bn --- bd 4/30/1875

Maggie Avlona Matthews of John & M.C. bn --- bd 8/14/1875

Lola Buetta Smith (sp.?) of W.S.Smith bn -- bd 8/14/1875

Martha Elener Morris (sp.?) of G.C.Morris bn --- bd 8/14/1875

Lillian V. Lee of David & Lavina, bn --- bd 5/6/1876

Mary Margaret Porter of Zephaniah & Sarah, bn --- bd 5/6/1876

Franklin Banks Kuykendal of Franklin & Emma, bn 11/8/1875 bd 5/6/1876

Erskine Robinson Smith of W.S. & An, bn 11/11/1876 bd 8/8/1877

Mary L. McIlwain, adult, bd 8/4/1877

George Badger Bryant of Henry & Julia, bn 11/15/1876 bd 8/4/1877

Thomas Kell Bryant of " " " bn 10/3/1876 bd 8/4/1877

James Stitt Howey of George & Mary J., bn 1/16/1877 bd 9/30/1877

Leonard Walker Matthews of J.M. & M.C., bn 7/20/1877 bd 11/3 1877

Pearl Dickey Hudson of Richard & Sarah, bn 10/13/1876 bd 11/3 1877

Thomas Jackson Gribble of J.H. & Sarah, bn 8/14/1869 bd 7/16 1878

Robert Lee Gribble of " " , bn 6/26/1871 bd 7/16/1878

Marcus Houston Gribble of J.H. & Sarah, bn 5/26/1873 bd 7/16/1878

Jane Adline Gribble " " , bn 6/19/1875 bd 7/16/1878

Charles Murton Gribble " " , bn 9/30/1877 bd 7/16/1878

Stephen Lee Manson of Lee & An E., bn -- bd 6/16/1878

Hugh Potts Bryant of Henry & Julia, bn 8/26/1878 bd 11/2/1878

Mary Banks Downs of W.H. & Sue, bn -- bd 11/2/1878

William Brice Robinson of Rev.G.S. & Mary, bn 7/23/1878 bd 10/12/1878

Sarah Agnes Lee of David & Lavina, bn 2/7/1879 bd 8/1/1879

Mary Eliza Stephenson of W.J., bn 12/17/1874 bd 7/20/1879

Annie Manora Stephenson of " , bn 12/17/1877 bd 7/20.1879

Nancy Melvina Rea of G. L. Rea, bn 12/18/1877 bd 11/1879

Green Lee Rea " " " , bn 1/22/1879 bd 11/1879

Robert Alexander Nisbet of J.W. & S.M., bn 2/8/1879 bd 11/1879

John Calvin Kuykendal of Franklin & Emma, bn 12/1877 bd ---?
(prob.12/1877 is correct)

Virginia Bertha Morris of G.C. & J.C., bn 8/18/1879 bd 5/8 1880

Mary Anna Kuykendal of W.F. & Emma, bn ---- bd 5/8/1880

William Vann Matthews of J.W. & C, bn 8/15/1880 bd 5/8/1880
(prob.entries reversed)

Janie Matthews of ~~xxxxxx~~ W.M. & S.E. bn -- bd 4/23/1881

Eulah Alberta Ross of T. C. & Mattie, bn -- bd 4/23/1881

Baxter Young Nisbet of J.W. & G.A., bn -- bd 6/26/1881

Grace Kyle Hudson of R.A. & S.A., bn -- bd 7/23/1881

John Hunter Matthews of J.W. & C, bn 9/23/1881 bd 4/22/1882

Larkin Robinson Bryant of Henry & Julia, bn --- bd 4/22/1882

John James Pierce of W.A. & Maggie, bn 12/26/1881 bd ---?
(prob.entry is for baptism)

(unknown) of G.L.Rea bn --- bd ---

Ellie Paulene Grier of S.R. & Mollie, bn 4/27/1882 bd 8/26/1882

Charles Erskine Grier of Wm. & Mollie, bn -- bd 6/3/1883

Silas Victor Hunter of Silas & Elizabeth, bn -- bd 6/3/1883

Anna Pierce of W.A.Pierce, bd 3/30/1884

Birdie Annette Bryant of H. Bryant " "

Jackson Young Matthews of J.W., bd 6/15/1884

James Caldwell Hoover of Mollie " "

Thomas K. Dunn of James R., " "

James Allen Dunn of " " "

Maggie Susan Gardner of W.J., " "

Walter Lemuel Gardner of " " "

Wade Hampton Gardner of " " "

Alfred L. Gardner of " " "

Ada Gardner of " " "

William Rea Gardner of " " "

Ann May Nesbit of J.W., " "

Minnie Eldora Crain of G.E., bd 7/27/1884

Ida Heath Potts, adult " "

Mary Amanda Sharp, adult " "

Mattie Rea, adult bd 8/30/1884

Samuel Howard (adult ?) " "

Jane Lee Grier of Samuel, " "

Samuel W. Patterson of William & Julia bn.11/15/1876 bd 8/30/1884

Maggie L. Patterson of William & Julia, bn 10/18/1878 bd 8/30/1884

Martha J. Patterson of " " , bn 8/27/1880 bd 8/30/1884

Mary C (sp.?) Patterson of " " , bn 11/25/1882 bd 8/30/1884

Luther Elmore Gardner of Wm., bn ---- bd ---

Carrie Watson Rea of Green Rea, bn 11/5/1875 bd ----

Ada Elizabeth Rea " " , bn 9/14/1877 bd ----

Mayfield Lee Rea " " , bn 10/4/1879 bd ----

Emma Peoples Rea " " , bn 9/26/1881 bd ----

John Harris Rea " " , bn 10/25/1883 bd ----

Mattie E. Ross (adult ?) bd 6/20/1886

Mattie Ross (adult ?) " "

Gertrude McDowal Rea of ---Rea bd 7/31/1886

Thornwell F. Steele ~~[illegible]~~ bn 6/2/1876 bd 9/12/1886

Dempsey M. Steele bn 1/27/1878 bd "

William J. Steele bn 1/30/1880 bd "

Boyce M. Steele bn 5/6/1882 bd "

Walter M. Steele bn 6/30/1886 bd "

Margaret E. Stephenson bn 8/23/1879 bd 9/6/1886

Robert A. Stephenson bn 4/30/1885 bd "

Robert Miller Bryant of Henry & Julia, bn 3/19/1880 bd 4/30/1887

Mary Bell Mathews of J.W. & C., bn 4/8/1886 bd 4/30/1887

Mary Elizabeth Gardner of Wm. & J., bn 1/23/1887 bd 4/30/1887

Lucinda Banks Dunn of Jas. & Jennie, bn 1/1/1886 bd 4/30/1887

Kathleen Grier of S.A. & M., bn 10/12/1885 bd 4/30/1887

Margaret Howard Morris of S.C. & J., bn 2/15/1887 bd 4/30/1887

William McGill Matthews of W.M. & S., bn 2/4/1886 bd "

De Witt Hunter of S.P. & E.A., bn 8/27/1886 bd "

Carrie Jane Kimbrell of L.B. & M.A., bn 7/4/1886 bd "

Lena Alva Patterson of Wm. & J., bn 12/6/1886 bd "

Gertha Coffey of J.B. & M., bn 11/4/1886 bd "

Paul Ray Caston of J.P. & J.R., bn 9/12/1886 bd "

Leary Baxter Kimbrell, adult bd 5/1/1887

Nora Emma Miles, adult " "

Samuel Henry Stephenson of Wm. & Ellen, bn 8/21/1886 bd 5/21 1887

Robert Lester Crain of L.A. & C.E., bn 1/13/1886 " "

Martha Adline Richardson of J. & R., bn 10/22/1886 bd " "

Martha Maybanks Steel of J.W. & S.J., bn 6/30/1886 bd 8/1887

Evie Malissa Harget of W.M. & E.J., bn 9/10/1882 bd 8/21/1887

Lorna Pearl Smith of W.D. & E.J., bn 8/24/1882 bd "

Samuel Lester Morris Smith of " , bn 3/10/1886 bd "

Cora May Smith, adult bd "

Julia Elizabeth Howard, adult bd 9/18/1887

Cora Lee Howard, ~~xxxx~~ of M.A., bd "

Thomas D. Howard " " bd "

Lester McLees Rea of G.L.H. & B., bn. 1887 bd 11/6/1887

Jno. McLees Parks of T.O. & E., bn 4/29/1887 bd 8/19/1887

Delmon Osborne Hood of Mrs. L.C., 8/1887 bd 3/18/1888

Mary Alexander Grier of S.R. & M.A., bn 7/6/1887 bd 6/9/1888

Ethel Annie ~~xxxx~~ Hudson of R.A. & S.H. (sp.?), bn -- bd ---

Ellie Howard Hudson of A.A. & S.H., bn.--- bd --

Richard L. Hood, adult bd 6/18/1888

Fannie Faris Ruykendal of W.F. & F., bn 3/8/1888 bd 9/15/1888

Frank Parks Stevenson of W.J. & E., bn 3/30/1888 bd 9/22/1888

Sallie Caldwell, adult bd 2/5/1889

Minnie Walkup Mathews of W.M. & S.E., bn 6/12/1888 bd 5/4/1889

Willie Alexander Yandle of W.N. & D.A., bn 7/29/1888 " "

Arthur Eugene Gardner of W.J. & T.J., bn 1/2/1889 bd " "

Mary Rebecca Craine of S.A. & C.E., bn 6/12/1888 bd 8/24/1889

Edward Martin Coffey of J.B. & M.L., bn 7/31/1888 bd 11/2/1889

Clive Campbell Alexander of Dr. & Mrs., bn 9/29/1889 bd 5/3/1890

Ralph Graves Bryant of H. & J., 11/23/1889 bd 5/3/1890

Annie Louise Parks of T.O. & Ella, bn 1/8/1890 bd 5/3/1890

N. H. Patterson, adult bd 5/4/1890

Paul Pressley Patterson of W.H. & J. bn 8/20/1889 bd 5/4/1890

Charles David McIlwaine of J.M.McI., bn 11/9/1884 bd 5/11/1890

Thomas Rone McIlwaine " " bn 1/1/1889 bd "

Edna Lavisa Harris of Jas. & Ida, bn 5/3/1888 bd "

Edith Lorain Rea of C. & B., bn 9/15/1889 bd 6/1/1890

Rufus Cheatham Howard of F. & A., bn 5/17/1877 bd 7/13/1890

Neill Winchester Howard of " " ,bn 8/19/1879 bd "

William Samuel Howard of " " , bn 6/3/1881 bd "

Robert Gordon Howard of " " , bn 3/8/1883 bd "

Annie Laura Howard of " " , bn 5/7/1889 bd "

Vann Marshall Matthews of W.M. & S., bn 3/21/1890 bd 7/20/1890

William A. Caldwell, adult bd 8/3/1890

Thadeus Bonnar Grier of S.R. & M.A., bn 2/3/1889 bd 8/2/1890

Walter Cunningham, adult bd 8/31/1890

Edwin Eugene Stevenson of W.J. & E., bn 4/20/1890 bd 11/7/1890

Bertha Jane Gardner of W.J. & T.J., bn 1/1/1891 bd 5/2/1891

Milo Alexander Pearce of J.F. & M.L., bn 12/10/1888 bd 6/18/1891

Bessie Parks Pearce of " " bn 7/21/1890 bd 6/13/1891

John Thomas Pearce of J.D. & M.A., bn 5/21/1890 bd "

Edith Louisa Alexander of Dr.H.Q. & Anna, bn 5/21/1891 bd 8/1/1891

Maggie Lou Delaney , twin ,of J.S. & M.S., bn 6/25/1891 bd 8/11/1891

Mattie Lena Delaney, twin of above " " " " " "

Edna Ross of W.M. & S.E., bn 11/7/1888 bd 12/31/1891

Joseph W. Ross of" " bn 10/5/1891 bd "

Samuel R. Cunningham of S.R. & M.T., bn 4/5/1888 bd 12/31/1891

Bessie Martin Blakeney of J.A. & Maggie, bn 10/1/1891 bd 3/10 1892

REGISTER OF COLOURED CHILDREN OMITTED FROM THESE HISTORICAL TRANSCRIPTIONS INASMUCH AS THE FIRST NAMES ONLY OFFER NO DEFINITE WORTHWHILE MEANS OF PRESENT IDENTIFICATION. SEE PAGES 89 - 91 COVERING FROM 1861 UNTIL 1872. -Seventy names-

REGISTER OF COLOURED MEMBERS OMITTED FROM THESE HISTORICAL TRANSCRIPTIONS FOR SIMILIAR REASON. SEE PAGES 56 - 61 COVERING FROM 1861 UNTIL 1868. -Seventy-nine names-

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ANALYSIS OF NAMES IN REGISTER OF BAPTISMS WHITE AND COLOURED.

(1) Given names with historical significance:

Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Lee (Robert Lee), LaFayette, Alfred, Jackson (Thomas Jackson), Erskine, Calvin, Luther, Beauregard et al.

(2) Given names with biblical (O.T.) significance:

Eliza, Moses, Judah, Isaac, Samuel, Josiah, Esther, David, Jonathan, Sarah, Solomon, Daniel et al.

(3) Given names with biblical (N.T.) significance:

John, James, Thomas, Andrew, Joseph, Thaddeus, Paul, Silas, Stephen, Elizabeth, Anna, Martha and especially Mary, et al.

(4) Given names after certain pastors:

Johnston (Robert Johnston), Banks (William Banks), McLees, et al.

(5) Given names most popular but of non-biblical character:

Robert, William, Margaret, Jane, Catherine, Lillian, Susan, Charles, Hugh, Ellie (Ella), Edith, Julia et al.

EXCERPTS FROM PASTORAL RECORD BOOK OF ROBERT ZENAS JOHNSTON IN ARCHIVES OF MONTREAT HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

MARRIAGES

Sgt. James C. Johnston, Mary E. Barnett, Nov. 24, 1864
of Mecklenburg Co.
Capt. Wm. E. Ardry, Mary Mag' Robinson, Jan. 31, 1865
of Sharon, N.C.
James S. Berryhill, Elizabeth J. Warwick, March 22, 1866
of Providence, N.C.
W. Smiley P. Hunter, Bettie A. Matthews, Dec. 11, 1866
of Provdence, N.C.
Col. Wm. McCall, Mrs. M. Laura Ross, Oct. 3, 1867
of Providence, N.C.
John W. Taylor, ~~[illegible]~~ Elizabeth M. Harrison, Nov. 23, 1867
of Providence, N.C.
D. W. Martis, Amanda L. Rea, July 27, 1868
of Providence
William A. Knox, Bell A. Sample, Oct. 20, 1868
of Providence
J. Smiley P. Caldwell, Lizzie Rea, Feb. 11, 1869
of Providence
John T. Downs, Mannie L. Dunn, May 20, 1869
of Providence
Jasper Alexander, Lizzie Harget, Oct. 12, 1871
of Providence

(Many others are listed in connection with Sharon. The above marriages were not recorded in the Providence Sessional Records of 1861 - 1892 and probably should have appeared - N.D. , The phrase "of Providence" may not be precise in some cases)

(Dr. Johnston has also listed 14 marriages for "Freedmen" from 1866 until 1870)

(The Pastoral Record Book also contains a list of Baptisms from 1862 until 1908 and of Burials from 1872 until 1893)

HANDWRITTEN SERMON MANUSCRIPTS OF ROBERT ZENAS JOHNSTON ON FILES AT MONTREAT HISTORICAL FOUNDATION. SOME OF THE TEXTS, PLACES WHERE WRITTEN, AND PLACES WHERE PREACHED HEREWITH LISTED.

Galatians 1:4 " Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God & our Father ".-

Written at the Theological Seminary, Dec.7, 1860
Preached as follows:
Newberry C.H., S.C. Dec.16,1860
Cane Creek Ch., S.C. Jan. 27, 1861
Columbia Ch. S.C. April 28, 1861
Third Creek, N.C. May 19, 1861
Tabor Ch., N.C. June 2, 1861
Back Creek, N.C. June 8, 1861
Pleasant Grove, S.C. June 30, 1861
Sharon, N.C. July 7, 1861
Rocky River, N.C. Sept. 14, 1861
Charlotte Ch., N.C. Oct.5, 1861
High Point, N.C. 34th.Reg. N.C.S.T. Nov.3, 1861
Lincolnton, N.C. Dec. 1, 1861
Providence, N.C. Dec.8, 1861
Pineville, N.C. July 1863

1 John 3:4 " Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the Law ".

Written at "Cabin Home", Nov. 1, 1862
Preached as follows:
Sharon, N.C. Nov.2, 1862
Philadelphia Ch., N.C. Dec.14, 1862
Providence, N.C. Jan. 11, 1863
Monroe, N.C. August 1863

John 1:29 " Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world ".

Written at "Cabin Home", May, 1862
Preached as follows:
Providence Ch., N.C. May 11, 1862
Steele Creek Ch., N.C. Sept. 1862
Sharon, N.C. Dec. 3, 1865
Sharon, N.C. April 8, 1871

Act 2:37 " Men & brethren, what shall we do"?

Written at "Cabin Home" March 14, 1862
Preached as follows:
Providence, N.C. March 16, 1862
Sharon, N.C. April 6, 1862
Sugar Creek Ch., N.C. April 26, 1862
Pleasant Grove Ch., S.C. July 31, 1862

2 Tim. 3:16 " All Scripture is given by inspiration of God —"
Written at " Mrs Walker's near Charlotte, N.C., Dec.14,1861.
Preached as follows:
Sharon, N.C. Dec.15, 1861
Providence, N.C. Dec. 22, 1861

Matthew 12: 49-50 " And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples & said, Behold my mother & my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother, & sister, & mother ".
Written at Pineville, N.C. June 27, 1863
Preached as follows:
Providence Ch. June 28, 1863
Salisbury Ch. Oct.1, 1864

Romans 5:10 " For if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son: much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life ".
Written at Mrs.Walker's near Charlotte, N.C. July 19,1861
Preached as follows:
Sharon,N.C. July 21, 1861
Steele Creek, N.C. Sept.8, 1861
Rocky River, N.C. Sept. 15, 1861
Charlotte, N.C. Oct.6, 1861
High Point, N.C. Nov. 3, 1861
Long Creek, N.C. Nov. 30, 1861
Surgah Creek, N.C. April 27, 1862

Hebrews 13:1 " Let brotherly love continue "
Written at Mrs.Walker's near Charlotte, N.C. Aug.10, 1861
Preached as follows:
Providence, N.C. Aug. 11, 1861
Pleasant Hill, N.C. Aug. 18, 1861
Yorkville, S.C. Aug.21, 1861
Sharon, N.C. Nov. 24, 1861
Philadelphia Ch., N.C. May 17, 1863
Lincolnton Ch., N.C. July 9, 1876

1 Kings 18:21 " How long halt ye between two opinions, if the God be God, follow him: but if Baal then follow him".
Preached as follows:
Tabor Ch., N.C. June 2, 1861
Back Creek, N.C. June 10, 1861
Third Creek, N.C. June 13, Fast Day 1861
Providence Ch., N.C. July 14, 1861
Long Creek, N.C. Nov. 30, 1861
Sharon, N.C. Jan. 12, 1862

LETTER FROM YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF THE REVEREND DENNIS EMMAS JOHNSTON, MRS. J. A. LORE , TO MR. H. E. C. BRYANT , ON THE OCCASION OF A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT BY HER NEECE, MRS. S. C. FARRIOR, AT PROVIDENCE, JANUARY 14, 1951.

" Jan. 11, 1951,
Lincolnton, N.C.

Dear Friend:

This is your friend, who promised to write you what she remembered about old Providence Church.

Now, if you will just pardon me for my negligence, I write now to tell you, if you plan to be at Providence next Sunday, January 14, there will be a niece of mine there who would like to meet you and I t ink you will like to know her. Her name is Mrs. Farrior - she is a daughter of my sister, next in age to me, who married Rev. John McMullen, whose children, and this Mrs. Farrior is one, who went to China as missionaries some years ago and have recently come back from there. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior have home mission work in Concord, N.C.

Now, I know my father, Rev. E.Z.Johnston, served that church and lived in the vicinity about 1863 & 4. Mrs. Farrior would like to find out where they lived for we think her mother, Nettie Johnston, was born there. I can't recall. One man I remember that served the church - as sexton - was rather an elderly man, a bachelor, named Solly McKee. My father went one cold snowy morning down to Providence - when he lived 14 miles up in Sharon - he drove a horse to a sulky with old woollen socks over his shoes to keep his feet warm and wore a heavy shawl and gloves. Mother thought it best he should not go but he said ' It is my place to go '. He met Mr. McKee there with a good warm fire - he went in and nobody came, and, when he came home, he said he and brother McKee had a dear prayer service-there are two other men named- one a deacon and one an elder - Parkses - brothers - they raised nice families. I sure would like to hear something from there. Yes, Mr. Eli Sample's family have all left there, I think.

I just hope you will get acquainted with Mrs. Farrior and the young woman with her is my brother-in-law, George Lore's daughter, from Concord. I wish very much I was strong enough to go with them - Sunday.

(Signed) Mrs. J. A. Lore "

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EXCERPTS IN THE HANDWRITING OF W. M. ROSS, CLERK OF SESSION.

"March 27, 1892. Session met and was opened with Prayer. Present. M.M.Parks, Modr. Elders W.H.Downs, Kuykendal, Alexander & Ross. On motion Mr. M. N. Yandel was appointed Superintendent of the Sabbath School. Also a committee was appointed to confer with a committee from Banks Church in reference to obtaining a Pastor. Adjourned with Prayer." (first minute of this 1892 - 1937 volume) ~~(W.B. moderator"pro tem"only)~~

"Apr.17, 1892. -------. Also Mr. H. M. Rat. O. Parks and families were at their own request granted letters to connect themselves with the Presbyterian Church at Pineville, N.C.--.*

"* Session adopted the following resolutions: Whereas our beloved brother Elder and father of the Session has requested a dismissal certificate to another church. Be it Resolved, 1st. That with reluctance and sorrow we grant his request and in doing so the Session and Church loses one of their best and wisest rulers. Resolved, 2nd. That we thank God his stay with us as an officer in this church for thirty years his sympathy his liberal and frank counsels have very + tenderly endeared him to us. Resolved 3rd. As we cannot here express our great appreciation of his labors as an Elder among us we assure him that he has our best wishes and earnest prayers that his life may be spared to a venerable old age when the Master shall say, 'Thy work is done come up higher'. (Signed by committee - W.F. Kuykendal and Dr. H.Q.Alexander)

"July 31, 1892. ---. Rev. J.W.Siler, Modr.----. (First time his name appears on record).

"Feb.19, 1893. -----It was decided to have a regular monthly meeting of Session on Saturday before the 1st.Sabbath of each month.----.

"Apr.1, 1893. ----. Elders Ross and Alexander were appointed as a committee to find out the cost of insuring the church property and to report at a future meeting of Session. (The prerogative of the Diaconate assumed here by Session - H.D.H.)

"On motion the congregation was divided into 4 quarters and one quarter placed in charge of each Elder for his special supervision". (Four Elders were Messrs.Downs,Kuykendal, Alexander and Ross)

"May 7, 1893. Session met and was opened with prayer. Present Modr. Rev. E.L.Siler, who presided by request.--(Not by law!- H.D.H.).

"Aug.20,1893. ----Mr. Yandle presented his resignation as Superintendent of the Sabbath School. In consideration of his faithful & successful service the Session requested him to withdraw his resignation.----.

"March 30, 1894. Session met at the manse and was opened with prayer.---. (First mention in the minutes of its existence. The "manse" stood seventy-five feet south of the present (completed 1949)--manse-H.D.H.) (This minute and that of Ap.1, 1894 in handwriting of J.W.Siler but signed by T.M.Moss)

"Oct.6,1894. -----It was made an order by the Session that Children's Day being in the month of October should be the day for the payment of their Pastor's Salary.---.

"Oct.27, 1894. The session met in the Session house at the call of the Moderator. (First indication of the use of the building which formerly stood near the present church edifice- H.D.H.) ----. Mr. M. N. Yandle offered his resignation as Superintendent of the Sabbath School. The Session accepted his resignation to take effect on the 1st.of Jan. 1895 and adopted the following papers a copy of which the clerk was requested to furnish Mr. Yandle.

"In accepting the resignation of Mr. M. N. Yandle, as Superintendent of Sabbath School the session desires to put on record 1st. Its high appreciation of his long and faithful Serviceduring which time our Sabbath School has been more prosperous than it ever was before 2nd. That it accepts his resignation from no fear of his lack of ability or faithfulness but solely on account of his own wishes so often expressed. ----.

"Dec.16, 1894. -----. Dr. Alexander was appointed Superintendent of the Sabbath School & Mr. W. A. Pierce assistant.----.

"March 27, 1895 ----. "March 31,1895.----. (Both meetings held at Manse and minutes in handwriting of J.W.Siler)

"Oct.20,1895. ----. -----were granted letters of dismissal to connect themselves with the church now to be organized in Union County.----- (First mention of what came to be called the "Siler" church - H.D.H.)

(Through this period the session continues to meet at manse or session house or church or in the home of someone who requests "household" baptism - H.D.H.)

"Sept.6,1896. ---Rev. W. T. Matthews of S. C. was Modr. by request.---.

"Oct.4, 1896. ---.Mr. Alexander acted as Modr. ---.

"Feb.7,1897. ----. Dr. Alexander was appointed Superintendent of the Sabbath School and Mr. W.A.Pierce assistant.----. (The two had been incumbent since Dec.16,1894. - H.D.H.)

"March 29, 1897. ---. Our pastor, Rev. J.W.Siler, was granted permission to spend a month or six weeks in the mountain section.-----.

EXCERPTS IN THE HANDWRITING OF J. W. SILER AND W.M. ROSS ALL OF WHICH ARE SIGNED BY THE LATTER.

"April 19, 1897. ---. It was decided to adopt the envelope system for raising our benevolent contributions in the congregation, and the pastor was requested to have the necessary cards and envelopes printed.---.

"Jan.23, 1898. ----. Session elected W.A.Pearce Superintendent of S.S. for one year and H.Q.Alexander, assistant. Mr. W.M. Ross was elected Secy of S.S. for one year, with Mr. Leonard Matthews assistant.---. (Note variant spelling for name Pierce)

"July 3, 1898. ---. Trustees to control the school at Providence Church and to look after the property were appointed as follows: W. M. Matthews, Dr. H.Q.Alexander, S.H.Grier and H.G.L.Rea. It was decided to call a congregational meeting for the two weeks from that day (July 17th.) after divine service to consider the matter of electing additional officers.---. (This meeting not recorded in these minutes) H.D.H.

"Aug.21,1898. ---. The officers elected having signified their willingness to accept,the time for ordination and installation was set for 4 O'clock p.m.-----. (The newly-elected officers' names appear in the Sept.4th.minute.-H.D.H.)

"Sept.4,1898. ---. Present Rev. J.W.Siler Modr., Elders Downs, Lykendial, Matthews Coffey & Ross---. (i.e. W. M. Matthews and J.B.Coffey -H.D.H.)

"Jan.15,1899. ---. Mr. W. A. Pierce was appointed Superintendent of Sabbath School and Mr. J.B.Coffey assistant.----.

"Feb.19,1899. ----Mr. W.A.Pierce tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Sabbath School and it was accepted & Mr. R. Banks Kuykendal was appointed to fill the vacancy as Superintendent & Mr. J.B.Coffey assistant.----.

"April 3, 1899. ----. The Session instructed the deacons to make extra effort to collect the balance due on Pastor's Salary before the meeting of Presbytery at Charlotte, April 26, 1899. Also to collect all pledges due on benevolent causes. (The latter was a Sessional function entirely -H.D.H.)(This minute reveals that the church treasurer was W.A.Pierce.)
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"April 22, 1899. ---. The following names were placed on the retired roll--. (Here follows a short list which list also appears on page 240 - these records-H.D.H.)

"---W.A.Pearce, Treasurer, offered his resignation which was accepted, and a committee to draft suitable resolutions and to report to a subsequent meeting of the Session, were appointed ---.

"Deacon L. S. Knox was elected Treasurer -----.

"A Congregational Meeting was called for Saturday, May 6th., after divine worship to consider a deficit in the past year and provide for the coming year, for the pastoral fund.--.

"Aug.5,1899. ---Rev. M. McE. Shields, acted as Moderator by request. ---. (Mr. Shields also acted at the Aug.6th.meeting.)

"Sept.24,1899. ---. The Committee to draft resolutions in reference to accepting Mr. W.A.Pearce's resignation as Treasurer of the Church is as follows. That the session of Providence Church hereby expresses appreciation of and bears testimony to Mr. Pearce's faithful discharge of all duties imposed by the office. Mr. Lawrence Yandle's application to the Session as a suitable candidate for the ministry was approved.

"Dec.17,1899. ----The Congregational meeting was called after services and the resignation of the Pastor was considered and accepted.----.

"March 29, 1900. -----Present, Mr. Downs as Modr.,Elders

Kuykendal & Ross. ---. (Elder Downs also moderated the meeting on ~~June~~ April 8th.1900.)

"June 17, 1900. ----the Modr. Dr. H.Q.Alexander.-----. Mrs. J. W. Siler was granted a letter of dismissal to connect herself with the Presbyterian Church at Hendersonville, N.C. A congregational meeting was ordered the following Sabbath, June 25th. to consider a call for Rev. Mr. Davis of Kentucky.---.

"Aug.25,1900. ----Rev. W.H.Davis was requested to moderate the meeting. The Session then proceeded to make out a call for the pastoral services of Rev. W.H.Davis in accord with the ordering of the church made in congregational meeting held June 25, 1900. Said call was then signed by the officers of the church as directed by vote of the people. The call was for one half of his time consideration four hundred and fifty dollars with the use of the manse and manse premises. Mr. Lester Knox then tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Deacons in view of the fact that he expected to move to Charlotte. This was put on docket for future consideration. Session then resolved to hold a meeting on the 1st.Sabbath of every month to deliberate about matters concerning the welfare of the church. --------.

"Sept.2,1900.--- Present W.H.Davis, Modr, by request. ------ The matter of the resignation of Mr. Lester Knox as Treasurer of the Board of Deacons was taken up and his resignation was accepted. Mr. W.M.McKee was elected to fill the vacancy.-~~Mr.~~ (W.M.McKee and Lester S. Knox had been ordained and installed concurrently with Elders M. S. Matthews and J. B. Coffey. The minutes give no record of this. The names appear under that date however in the "Register of Deacons" page 249 -H.D.H.)

"Sept.30,1900.---- All present except Mr. Downs who was very sick. ---- It was then resolved to direct the Deacons to try and collect the whole of the salary for the year ending Aug. 1st.1901 this fall. (Were the farmers' crops especially fructive?- H.D.H.)

"Oct.7,1900. ----. (Minute contains mention of membership transfer from Siler Church by name)

"Jan.6,1901. Session met at the Manse. (W.H.Davis becomes second incumbent of manse -H.D.H.)

"The time for monthly meetings of Session was changed to the hour immediately after preaching on the 1st.Sabbath.-----.

"March 1901 (no day)--. "Mr. Will Campbell was appointed

Sexton of the church for the ensuing year at a salary of sixteen dollars per year. Mr. William McKee Treasurer of the Church was ordered to keep the Insurance on the Church property paid up without awaiting any instructions from the session. ----. (The Session continue to assume Diaconate duties -H.D.H.)

"April 20, 1901 (in handwriting of W.H.Davis)-----.W.H.Davis was authorized to close a contract with Mr. Rogers to move the old School House at a cost of $10. from its present cite to a place on the Parsonage land to be used as a tenant house. (Note 1/ Pastor assumes work of the Diaconate and 2/ the manse is called a parsonage - H.D.H.)

"Dec.21,1902. ----A congregational meeting was ordered for the purpose first Sabbath in Jan. (4)for the purpose of appointing Trustees and also to take the vote of the congregation as to the adwisability of selling the School House property to the County.---.

"Jan.25,1903. The congregational meeting postponed the 1st Sabbath of January and ordered by the Session for the 4th. Sabbath of January after due announcement two weeks before was called to order by the Moderator Rev. W.H.Davis and constituted with prayer. The following paper was adopted by a rising vote.

"Whereas W.M.Ross as Clerk is the official representative of the Session of Providence Church and Whereas W.N.McKee as Treasurer is the official representative of Providence Congregation therefore Resolved that W.M.Ross and W.N.McKee be elected Trustees of Providence Church and are hereby authorized and instructed to sell transfer and convey to Mecklenburg County a certain tract of land now belonging to Providence Church the said tract being the land on which Providence Academy now stands and containing 29/100 of an acre. The said Trustees shall receive payment for said property as per agreement already made and shall apply the proceeds of the sale of said land to the purchase of 3½ acres of land adjoining the land of Providence Manse and the balance being Fifty Dollars they shall apply to the painting and otherwise improving the Providence Manse. ----------. (signed W.H.Davis and W.M.Ross)

"Feb.15,1903. ----Mr. Banks Kuykendal, S.S,Supt., Jno.Coffey Assistant Supt. handed in their resignations-after hearing their reasons and thanking them for their efficient and faithful services Session accepted their resignations and elected Elder Stitt Matthews Supt. and W.M.Ross assistant Supt.------.

"May 2, 1903. -----. An order was issued for the calling of a

congregational meeting to be held May 10 to consider the matter of the disolution of the pastoral relation between W.H.Davis and Providence congregation. /See record of cong.meeting page 220/. Session adjourned with prayer.

(From page 220 this record)

"May 10,1903. Persuant to a call issued May 2 and published from the pulpit May 3 the people of Providence convened in congregational meeting. After prayer the meeting was organized with Rev. W.H.Davis Mod., and Jno.B.Coffey Clerk. Rev. W.H. Davis requested the people to unite with him in a request to Mecklenburg Presbytery for a disolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and Providence Church to take effect May 31, 1903. The vote on the request was taken by ballot and stood yea 10 no 37. After history. Jno.B. Coffey Elder of Providence took the answer of the church to Presbytery in session May 12 in 1st.Ch.Charlotte. After due consideration Mecklenburg Presbytery by a unanimous vote dissolved the pastoral relation in order that Rev. W.H.Davis might accept a call for his pastoral services sent in to Presbytery by the Sharon Church.

"June 29, 1903. ----. Messrs. Downs Knox McKee & Ross were appointed a Committee to confer with the home mission Committee in reference to employing Dr. J. B. Mack as supply for our church until meeting of Presbytery.----.

"July 5,1903. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present Elders W.N.Downs Modr. Dr. Alexander,W.F.Kuykendal,Stitt Matthews,J.B.Coffey W.M.Ross. Dr. Mack was asked to sit as a corresponding member. Mr. L. W. Matthews a member of Providence Church was endorsed by the Session to be taken under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. ----.

"Sept.6,1903. -----. Dr. J. B. Mack, Modr. by request. ------- delegate was instructed by the Session to ask Presbytery to continue Dr. J.B.Mack as Supply for our Church (Providence) until Spring meeting of Presbytery.

"Dec.6 1903.------. Session was informed that at the congregational meeting held today T.O.Ross and W.L.Matthews were elected elders and J.W.McKinney, C.O.Howard, F.S.Kuykendal, W.F.Mc Ginnis were elected deacons.----. (Authorization of meeting appears in below minute of Session).

"Nov.1,1903. ----. On motion it was resolved to call a meeting

of the Church on Dec.6th for the purpose of electing additional officers.-----.

(There is no further indication of the congregational meeting. On January 10, 1904 according to pages 246 and 249 the following men were ordained and installed, viz.

Elder T. O. Ross and Deacons John W. McKinney, Charlton Oliver Howard and F. Banks Kuykendal)

"Jan.17,1904. ----. Rev. J.B.Mack Modr. Elders W.N.Downs, W. M. Ross, Kuykendal, Alexander, Coffey & Matthews. It was resolved to have a congregational meeting on Jan.31st.for the purpose of electing a pastor.

"After a sermon by Rev. J.B.Mack, Mr. T.O.Ross was ordained and installed a ruling Elder and Mr. John McKinney, C.O.Howard, and F.B.Kuykendal were ordained and installed Deacons of this Church.----.

(The ordination and installation by this minute took place seven days later than that of the listing by the "register")

"Feb.7, 1904. After devotional exercises the Congregational was called to order by the Modr. Mr. W. F. Kuykendal and Rev. J. B. Mack was unanimously elected Pastor of this Church.--.

"Feb.12, 1904. (The same Elder moderated this meeting)

"April 29,1904. (First meeting recorded as moderated by J.B. Mack as regular pastor)

"Sept.14,1904. ----- Attention was called to the death of Elder W. F. Kuykendal a member of this session and a committee consisting of J.B.Mack, W.N.Downs & W.M.Ross was appointed to prepose an appropriate paper.----.

"Oct.5,1904. The following paper was read and approved by the session of Providence Church.

"The Session of Providence Church hereby records the great loss in the death of W.F.Kuykendal who on August 29 heard the voice of his Saviour saying, Come up higher, and his spirit gladly went from this earth to be with Christ which is far better. Wm.Franklin Kuykendal was born May 10, 1849, became a communicant of this church by profession of faith Oct.30, 1870, was ordained a Deacon May 17, 1873 and a Ruling Elder Nov.6,1891 (Oct.18,1891 according to Vol.of Sess.Rec. 1861-

1892, page 182 - H.D.H.) which office he filled and adorned till the close of his life. Bro.Kuykendal was a broad-minded clear-headed noble-hearted man noted for his energy and integrity. The Community will lose much by his death and the church will lose more. Heaven will be richer but Earth will be poorer. In the memory of his useful life his family have a rich legacy of comfort and joy and this Session an incentive to works of faith and love. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. By order of the session. --.

"Jan.1, 1905.----. Mr. Banks Kuykendal was elected Superintendent & Mr. Lester Knox Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School at the same time Mr. Watson Matthews was elected Sexton for the present year.--.

"April 16,1905. ---- (a joint meeting of Session & Diaconate)

"Jan.21,1906. ----. A congregational meeting was ordered for the first Sabbath in February.---.

"Feb.4,1906. Congregation assembled in the church and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, W.H.Downs. Rev. J.B.Mack the Pastor requested the congregation to unite with him in asking Mecklenburg Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations between himself and the church which was reluctantly done. ----.

"March 4,1906. ----. Modr. Elder W.H.Downs. Present J.B.Coffey, T.O. & W.M.Ross. Deacons Knox, Howard, McKee & Kuykendal. Dr. Alexander, T.O.Ross & B.F.Kuykendal were appointed a committee by the session to confer with a committee from Banks Church to secure the service of a pastor for the churches. Elder W.H. Downs elected Moderator of the Session while our Church is vacant.---.

"March 12,1906. Session met at Banks Church in Session house. Present Rev. J.B.Mack, Moderator, Elders T.O.Ross and H.Q.Alexander.----.

(Through this period several joint meetings of Elders and Deacons indicated in minutes of session)

"April 29,1906. ----. A Congregational meeting was ordered for the first Sunday in May to decide on a Pastor for our Church. --.

"May 6, 1906. Congregation assembled in the church and after devotional exercises was called to order by Rev. Alexander

Martin, Modr. Rev. H. M. Parker of Charleston Presbytery was unanimously elected Pastor. The Session with the Board of Deacons was instructed by the congregation to sign the call. Elder T.O. Ross & Deacon F. B. Kuykendal were appointed a committee to prosecute the call before Mecklenburg Presbytery,---.

"June 3, 1906. --- W.H.Downs Modr.----.

July 1, 1906. ------. Rev. H.M.Parker being present was asked to moderate the meeting. -----.

"The Session concurred with the Session of the Banks Church in changing the dates of Preaching service so that hereafter dating from the 3rd.Sabbath in July 1906 until changed by the Session Preaching will be at 11 A.M. on the Second and Fourth Sabbaths at Providence Church instead of the First and Third and there will be preaching at the Downs Schoolhouse on the afternoon of the First Sab. and at Providence on the afternoon of the Third Sab. at 4 P.M.--. (Minute written and signed for W.M.Ross by Rev. H.M.Parker)

"Sept.9,1906 -----. Oct.21,1906.---. (Rev. H.M.Parker, Moderator "by request on both dates)

"March 10,1907.----. Rev. H.M.Parker, Modr. (Under "Register of Pastors" H.M.Parker is listed as installed in July 1906, page 245 -H.D.H.)

"N.S.Matthews was granted a letter to dismissal to connect himself with the Presbyterian Church at Monroe--". (N.M.S.Matthews)

"April 13,1907. ---------. (The new pastor's family present letters of transfer from James Island, S.C.)

"The Church roll w s reviewed and absent Members outside our bounds were put on the inactive roll.---. (These names do not appear on page 235, this record.H.D.H.)

"May 26, 1907. -----Rev. Reynolds (sp.?) being present was requested to sit as a corresponding member.---. The Clerk of Session was directed to call the attention of all members of our church who have been absent from our bounds more than a year to the rule of the Book of Discipline Ch.XV. Sec.277.. (cf.1949 edition Ch.XIX. Sec.304 -H.D.H.)

"Dec.15,1907.-----Rev. H.M.Parker and T.M.Ross were appointed a Committee to divide up the congregation among the Elders so they could ascertain how many families instructed their children

in Bible and Catechism and observed Family Worship.----.

"April 3, 1908. Session met at the Manse ---. The Elders reported that they had canvassed the congregation and found that it consisted of forty-eight families of whom seven held family worship and thirty-seven instructed their children in Bible and Catechism. ----. (This minute written by an amenuensis for the Clerk - W.M.Ross)

"Dec.27,1908. ---Rev. H.M.Parker requested to discontinue the evening service was granted. ---. (i.e. at the Downs Schoolhouse on the first and third Sabbaths. See under July 1,1906)

"Nov.21,1909. ----The Deacons were instructed to see how much money they could raise for the endowment of Davidson College. ----. (Date uncertain of this minute - but before March 20, 1910).

"April 5, 1910. -----. A Committee consisting of the pastor & Elder T.O.Ross were directed to wait on ---------and urge upon him amendment of life and warn him that unless there was evidence of repentance and improvement in his conduct the Session would be compelled to present him for trial.---.

"June 13,1910. (No minute recorded in space allowed-H.D.H.)

"Oct.23,1910. A congregation meeting was called at the close of service by Rev. Mr. Higgan of Va., Mr. W.H.Downs acted as Modr. It was unanimous to extend call to Rev. Mr. Higgan of Va. provided the Banks Church concurred in it.-----.

(Apparently nothing came of this nor do the minutes explain the sudden withdrawal of Rev. H.M.Parker from the pastoral relationship-H.D.H.)

"Nov.13,1910. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. C.C.Corson of Ga. Modr. by request. -----. A Committee was appointed to confer with a Committee from the Banks Church in reference to calling a congregation meeting to consider a call for Rev. C.C.Corson. -----.

"Nov.20,1910. ----.Present. Dr. Alexander Modr.,Coffey, T.O. & W.M.Ross. The Committee made their report and a congregation meeting was ordered for next Sunday the 27th. to consider a call for Rev. C.C.Corson of Ga.----.

"Dec.3,1910. After due notice had been given the congregation meeting was called to order by the Modr. J.B.Coffey and was

opened with prayer. The Rev. C.C.Corson was unanimously elected pastor of the Church for one half of his time at a salary of Five hundred dollars.-----.

"Dec.18,1910.-----Present Rev. C.C.Corson, Modr. Elders J.B. Coffey, Dr. Alexander & W.M.Ross-----.

"April 6,1911. ----The Pastor and Representative were instructed to invite Presbytery to meet with us in September 1911.--.

"Sept.17,1911. ---- (the new pastor's wife and three children received by letter from Thomaston, Ga.)

"Dec.17,1911. ----. The Pastor, Rev. C.C.Corson was granted permission to preach for the Siler people until they could make other arrangements.----.

"April 7, 1912. ----. A congregational meeting was called for April 21. A committee was appointed to confer with the Session of Banks Church consisting of Elders H.Q.Alexander, T.O. Ross, W.M.Ross.---.

"A motion was made by Elder W.M.Ross and put by H.Q.Alexander that in case that pastor's resignation be tendered and accepted that his salary be continued until he was located in a suitable field, which carried unanimously.----.
(this minute by an amanuensis for W.M.Ross, Clerk)

(There is no indication that Mecklenburg Presbytery met at Providence from these records -cf.April 6,1911 above though it did meet at Pineville April 16,1912- H.D.H.)

"April 21,1912. On the 3rd.Sabbath of April 1912 being the 21st.day of the month according to due notice previously given-the members of Providence Church met in congregational meeting. Elder W.H.Downs was chosen Modr. and W.M.Ross, Secretary. The Pastor, Rev. C.C.Corson tendered his resignation as Pastor to take effect the first of July 1912. The resignation was accepted.On motion a Committee consisting of T.O. Ross, F.B.Kuykendal and Dr.H.Q.Alexander was appointed by the Moderator to propose suitable resolytions of respect to the retiring Pastor.----.

"Oct.13,1912. ----Present J.B.Ross of Charlotte, Modr.-----.

"Feb.2,1913. -----Present Rev. Leonard Gill, Modr.---------.

"Feb.9,1913. -----Present Rev. T.B.Anderson, Modr. ------.

"March 16, 1913. -----Present Rev. T.B.Anderson,Modr.-------.

"March 30,1913.-------Present Rev. Mr. Brown of S.C. -------.

"May 1, 1913. --------the Congregation meeting was called to order by Rev. Leonard Gill, Modr. and was opened with prayer, for the purpose of calling a Pastor. Rev. Charles Kingsley of Pineville,N.C. was unanimously elected for one half of his time at a salary of nine hundred dollars. The officers of the Church were instructed to sign the call in behalf of the church.

"May 31,1913. -----Rev. Leonard Gill, Modr.-----.

"June 1,1913. Due notice having been given the congregation meeting was called to order. Rev. Leonard Gill Modr. for the purpose of calling a Pastor. Rev. Gurney's name was placed before the congregation and was unanimously elected. The officers of the church were instructed to make out a call for one half of his time at a salary of Nine hundred and fifty dollars amd forward same to him.-----.

(There is no minute to indicate that session met to order a congregational meeting indicated above)

"July 13,1913. The congregational meeting was called to order by Rev.Leonard Gill,Modr. For the purpose of calling a Pastor. Rev. Charles Kingsley's name was placed before the congregation and was unanimously elected for one half of his time at a salary of Nine hundred dollars. The officers of the church were instructed to sign the call and forward same to him.-----.

(This "second" call was accepted judging by the following minute)

July 27, 1913. --- Present Rev. Charles Kingsley, Modr. Elders T.O.Ross J.B.Coffey, Dr. Alexander and W.M.Ross. ----At the same time W.M.Ross & J.B.Coffey were appointed to represent the church at a called meeting of Presbytery in Charlotte to prosecute the call for Rev. Charles Kingsley of Pineville,N.C.

"Aug.31,1913. (this minute indicates that Presbytery met at the Banks Church, Sept.16,1913).

"Dec.21,1913. -----. The Session instructed the Pastor and Clerk when members in good & regular standing applies for letter of dismissal to grant them and report same to the session.-----.

"July 5,1914. -----. Mrs.Charles Kingsley was received by letter

from Pineville Presbyterian Church.---.

(No sessional minute from Oct.3, 1914 until Feb.21, 1915)

"March 21,1915 -----March 26,1915----" (amanuensis for W.M. Ross. Latter minute includes answer to a questionaire from higher church court and the statistical report of the year ending in March 1915)

"Sept.19,1915. ----The Session gave its endorsement to the reception by Presbytery of Mr. Thomas Alexander a member in good and regular standing as a candidate for the Gospel ministry and the Moderator and Clerk requested to sign same and deliver to Presbytery".

(No sessional minute from Oct.31,1915 until Feb.20,1916)

(Various amanuenses for W.M.Ross now appear in minutes)

"April 7, 1916. Session met at the Manse.------After considerable discussion upon matters pertaining to the welfare of the church the matter of the every-member canvass as recommended by the General Assembly was taken up and the Session resolved to put the plan in operation.----.

(No sessional minute from Oct.21,1917 until April 8,1918)

"Oct.21,1917. -----The Pastor Charles Kingsley gave notice that he would tender his resignation as Pastor to take effect Jan.1,1918 whereupon a congregational meeting was called for Oct.28 /see page 374/ to consider said resignation.--.

(Page 374) " Oct.28,1917. A congregational meeting was held in the church to consider the resignation of Rev. Charles Kingsley as Pastor. The church voted unanimously to not accept said resignation and took further action as follows.

(here nothing "follows" - but cf.minutes which follow Oct. 21,1917)

"April 8,1918. -----J.B.Coffey Supt & L.S.Knox Asst Supt. were elected for the ensuing year. Elder W.H.Downs because of advanced age not being able to be present a resolution of a commendation for him in the faithfulness of the past and expressing the regrets of the Session at his absence were adopted & ordered recorded in church records & furnished the church papers for publication./see page 376/--.
(Clerk failed to "paste in" the resolutions from church paper)

-H.D.H.-

"May 5, 1918. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. Charles Kingsley Modr. Elders Dr.Alexander,J.B.Coffey,T.O. & W.M.Ross.---.

(Congregation apparently dissuaded C.K.from resigning 1/1/1918)

"April 7, 1919. Session met at the Home of Dr. H.A.Alexander and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. Charles Kingsley, Modr. Elders present Dr. Alexander, J.B.Coffey, T.O. & W.M. Ross. Deacons Kuykendal, McKee, Knox and McKinney. ---------. Miss Bessie Blakeney having made application to the Foreign Mission Committee to take up work in the Foreign Field (Japan) was endorsed by the Session of Providence Church and the Clerk was instructed to inform the Committee at once of its action. Mr. J.B.Coffey was elected Supt.of Sunday School. McLees Rea Assistant Supt.----.

(No sessional minute from Sept.7, 1919 until April 3, 1920)

"April 3,1920. ----. A congregation meeting was ordered for the second Sunday in April to elect additional Elders & Deacons if the way be clear.---.

"April 9,1920. ----. Mr. J.B.Coffey was appointed Supt.of Sunday School and McLees Rea Assistant.----.

"April 9,1920. The congregational meeting was called to order by Dr. H.A.M. Presbytery Mod. and was opened with prayer. The congregation then proceeded to elect 4 additional Elders & Eight Deacons. The Elders elected were B.F.Kuykendal, L.S. Knox, W.N.McKee & C.O.Howard. Deacons, C.B.Bryant, Syd.Grier, Will Grier, John Biggers, McLees Rea, John L.Rea & Joe W.Ross. ---.

"April 17,1920. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. Charles Kingsley Modr. Elders J.B.Coffey, B.F.Kuykendal L.S.Knox W.N.McKee C.O.Howard T.O. & W.M. Ross. The newly-elected Deacons all being present Mr. Sid Grier was elected Treasurer for the Board of Deacons. It was moved seconded and adopted that the Sunday School open at Ten O'Clock and Preaching promptly at Eleven O'Clock.-----.

(Date of O&I of Elders elected 4/9/1920 not given in minutes or in register, page 246)
(Date of O&I of Deacons elected 4/9/1920 not given in minutes or in register, page 249) (Messrs.Will Grier and John Biggers not listed - they apparently did not accept the office -H.D.M.)

"Sept.5,1920. -------. At the same time a congregation meeting was ordered to change the call for the Rev. Charles Kingsley from one half to whole time.----.

(He had been serving the Matthews Church -H.E.H.)

(No sessional minute from Sept.5,1920 until March 26,1921)

"March 26,1921. -----. A congregation meeting was ordered for Sunday April 3d to consider the resignation of our Pastor Rev. Charles Kingsley.----.

"April 2,1921. Due notice having been given the Congregational meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. H. A. Alexander. On motion by J.E.Coffey and second by A.M.Ross that we accept the resignation and request Presbytery to act favorably on same.---.

"At the Congregation meeting the following resolution was adopted by the Congregation. Be it resolved by the Congregation in meeting assembled that it is with sorrow and regret that we accept his resignation and unite with him in request to Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship and we do so only because Mr. Kingsley has accepted work in a larger field and earnestly requests this action by this church. This Church knows Mr.Kingsley-his life with us for several years has been an open book to be read by all men. The pages are white without spot or blemish. His exalted Christian character sheds a benign and uplifting influence upon all people in the Church or out of it in every walk of life. His unselfishness knows no limit but the needs of his fellowmen. His ability as a preacher is far above the average. He dispenses the pure gospel of Christ with love and true devotion to the Master and the people. Mr. Kingsley is blessed in his home and ministerial life with a real helpmeet, Mrs.Kingsley comes near the ideal country Pastor's wife. She is not officious but always helpful and responsive to the demands of the various departments of the church work. It will be hard to fill the place ~~of~~ in this church and community made vacant by the departure of Mr. & Mrs. Kingsley. We hope and believe they will soon install themselves in the hearts and lives of the people of the field to which they are called. We direct that a copy of this expression of the Congregation be filed in our church records and a copy furnished the Presbyterian Standard with request to publish. Unanimously adopted".

"Aperil 15, 1921. Session met at the house and was opened with prayer. Present. Rev. Charles Kingsley Elders Dr. Alexander,

J.B.Coffey,Banks Kuykendal,Lester Knox,W.N.McKee,T.O. & W.M. Ross also the Diaconate. ------. Mr. J.B.Coffey was re-elected Supt.of Sunday School & Mr. McLees Rea Assistant for the ensuing year. The Session ordered a congregation meeting to be convened on the 17th.after morning service.-----.

"Nov.20,1921. (last recorded minute at which Rev. Charles Kingsley was moderator)

"Nov.27,1921. The congregation meeting was called to order by the Modr. F.B.Kuykendal and the following resolution was adopted. Our Pastor, Rev. Charles Kingsley has accepted a call to a larger field of service in the Master's Vineyard and has tendered his resignation of this Pastorate and requested the congregation to join him in having Presbytery dissolve the existing relationship. (Here follows a further resolution of appreciation for the eight years of service)

"Dec.18,1921. -----. W.M.Ross, Modr. -----. A congregation meeting was ordered for next Sunday Dec.25 /Xmas Day/ to consider the matter of securing pastor for our church.----.

(Unfavorable weather prevented meeting -page 145 -H.D.H.)

"Jan.1,1922. The congregation met and elected Dr. S. H. McKee of Ashville Presbytery as Modr. ----. There was a Committee of the officers of the Church appointed to confer with the officers of Matthews Church to see what arrangements could be made in securing the services of Dr. Gurney of Monroe, N.C. as pastor of the two churches. ---.

"Jan.15,1922. Congregation met.Elder L.S.Knox was elected Modr. After hearing the report of the Committee which was favorable to Dr. Gurney the officers were instructed by the Congregation to make out a call for Dr.Gurney and sign same at a salary of $1200. for the First Third and Fifth Sabbaths of each month.----.

"April 16,1922. Session met in the church and was opened with (prayer). Present Rev. H.E.Gurney Modr.Elders J.B.Coffey,Dr. Alexander, B.F.Kuykendal, L.S.Knox, W.N.McKee, C.O.Howard, & T.O.Ross. Mrs Eleanor Gurney and daughter Eleanor were received by letter from the First Presbyterian Church Monroe, N.C. ----.

(first minute showing Dr.Gurney moderator.)

"May 7,1922. ----.At the same time the Deacons of the World

were granted the use of the old School Building for meeting purposes.---.

(Minutes are signed but very few written by W.M.Ross, Clerk, through this period -H.D.H.)

"April 4, 1926. ----A vote of appreciation and thanks was passed for the faithful and efficient services rendered by the various organizations of the church during the past year, mention being made expressly of the Woman's Auxiliary.---.

(this minute is in a feminine hand-H.D.H.)

"April 3,1927. ------. The work of the church was discussed and the falling off in benevolent contributions was the result of the low price of cotton. An overture to presbytery was read to the session touching the biblical meaning of usury in the Bible, and the author, Elder H.....Alexander was elected to attend the coming meeting of presbytery which is to be held April 12 at Albemarle and it was voted by the session that he present his overture relating to usury to that body.---.

"April 29,1927.----.(first reference to "the May/ homecoming/ Communion")

"May 1,1927. ----. After accepting the resignation of W.N. McKee as Treasurer of the Church they then proceeded to elect Miss Ethel Rea to fill the vacancy.---.

"Aug.21,1927.----. ---was received by letter from Carmel Presbyterian Church. ---. (first mention of this neighbor church in the minutes-H D.H.)

"July 22,1928. ----.W.M.Ross,Modr. Others present; Dr. Alexander, J.B.Corley, L.S.Knox, C.C.Howard, W.N.McKee, B.F.Kuykendal. A Letter from Dr. Gurney tendering his resignation was read to the Session and was unanimously accepted. The Session preceded to the Church and called the Congregation together and the letter of resignation was read to the congregation, and was accepted and our Representative to Presbytery was instructed to attend the Call meeting of Presbytery the following week and ask Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relations. (Note added in another hand -feminine-H.D.H.)

"The resignation of Dr. Gurney was tendered because of failing health and on the advice of his physician, and it accepted with regret, and his salary was continued for the next ensuing quarter".

(The following resolutions appear on pages 229-231 in this record-H.D.H.)

"Resolutions of respect on the death of Mr. William Henry Downs.

Dec.11,1928. On Dec.11,1928 Mr. William Henry Downs, senior elder of Providence Presbyterian Church departed this life and passed that bourne from which none returneth but we are sure that he entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God for he loved his appearing. For three-score years Mr. Downs served Providence Church as an Elder. He was a wise ruler safe counsellor and ever-faithful and loyal to his church and the Master's kingdom on earth. In nearly every congregation we find one or more men who are recognized as super men in the life of the Church- men who hold up to the world a high standard of Christian character and righteous integrity. Men whose exalted piety and consistent Christian living make them a blessing to the Church. Mr. Downs was such a man in Providence Church. Since his death at the age of 84 years one of the oldest members of the Church said of him. No home in which there was trouble or sorrow or need was too humble for Billy Downs to enter in the ministry of service as a Christian or neighbor. Such a tribute is a rich heritage to his family and Church. His example still lives.

"Therefore. Resolved 1st. by the Session of this Church that in the death of Mr. Downs our church has lost not only her oldest member and official but one who was as a shining light and tower of strength in his day and generation attesting by his consistent Christian living the power of the Gospel of Christ to give light and strength through the Church to all mankind.

"Resolved. 2nd. That this memorial of respect to our brother officer be inscribed on the church records and a copy sent to his family and the Press with request for publication. Adopted by a rising vote, April 6, 1929.

"In Memorjam of Dr. H. Q. Alexander and T. O. Ross.

"The Session of Providence Church would hereby record its sense of loss in the recent death of two of its members and ruling Elders, Dr. H.Q.Alexander and Thomas O. Ross.
Dr. Alexander was born in Iredell County, N.C. Aug.23,1863 and was nearly 66 years of age at his death. He had served Providence Church as an elder since Oct.18, 1891 and was recognized among us as a self-sacrificing Christian physician and devoted officer of the church whose readiness to serve was an example to us all and whose counsels were revered and followed. We feel the great loss of wisdom and leadership. While Dr. Alexander was first a Christian we also acknowledge his versatile talents which projected him into the service of his community, state and nation and made him widely known & recognized as a leader of public opinion and a creator of public policies.

"Thomas O. Ross, Born on June 8,1849.

"In Brother Ross we also recognize and value the powers of leadership he displayed and the examplary conduct and character he possessed quite unobtrusive, yea, he was faithful loyal and devoted to his Church and Master. He had been an Elder in Providence Church since January 17, 1904.

"While we signalize the virtues and many commendable qualities of these brethren who have been removed by the will of God to their heavenly reward we are sensible of their great contribution to our community and church especially in the homes they established and the families they have reared amongst us who now rise up to call their Fathers blessed.

"And we would assure these loved ones of the reverence we feel for these their loved ones and thank God with them for the hallowed influences of these godly men which abides forever in their hearts and ours.

"Banks Kuykendal, J.B.Coffey, Rev. J.G.Garth, Committee".

"April 21,1929. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present L.S.Knox Modr. Others present Dr. Alexander, J.B.Coffey and W.H.McKee. A congregation meeting was ordered for April 28 for the purpose of calling a pastor - owing to the incumbent weather was postponed until Sunday, May 5 (1st.)

(the minute completed after the time proposed- hence the change noted-H.D.H.)

"The congregation assembled at the Church 1st.Sunday in May after sermon by the Rev. J.B.McLaughline (sp.?) Mr. J.B. Coffey Modr. L.S.Knox, sec. Mr. McLaughline's name was placed before the congregation and almost unanimously elected and the officers of the church were instructed to fill out a call and forward the same to him.----.

(under the minute for June 1,1929, page 175, appears the following note) (Technically the "call" should have been sent to Presbytery not to the pastor-elect-H.D.H.)
"The Clerk notified the Session that Rev. J.B.McLaughline had declined the call to this Church.

"June 1,1929. ----. L.S.Knox,Modr. ---. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Parker of Mt.Mourne, N.C., to visit us on the Third Sunday in July with a view to a call- after a sermon by Rev. Mr. Parker the congregation assembled. J.B.Coffey, Modr. L.S.Knox,sec. and after some discussion the congregation decided not to call a pastor for the present and Mr.J.B. Coffey and B.F.Kuykendal were requested to see the Rev. J.S. Garth and see what arrangements could be made with him to supply the Church until such time as the congregation saw fit to call a pastor.---.

"Oct.6,1929. ---- Rev. J.S.Garth,Modr. Elders J.B.Coffey,J.S. Kuykendal, L.S.Knox, W.H.McKee and W.M.Moss.

"April 6, 1930.---. The following were chosen as officers and teachers of the Sunday School, J.B.Coffey Supt. McLees Rea and Osmond Barber Assistants, L.S.Knox Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs.John McCinnis Primary, Miss Ethel Rone Juniors, Miss Kate Matthews and Annie Fay Grier Intermediates, Miss Emma Kuykendal,Seniors, Miss Nan McKinney,Young People Mrs. B.F.Kuykendal,Adult Classes McLees Rea and Mrs.A.F.Grier. Miss Ethel Rea was chosen as Church Treasurer and McLees Rea and Mrs. Eudora Parker as leaders of the Young Peoples work.

(* possible omission of "Beginners" before name of Mrs.J.C.McG.)

(This is the first minute though not in regular form of a sessional minute in which ALL the staff and teaching personnel of the Sunday School were chosen by Session. Formerly, it appears to have been left to the arrangements of the Superintendent-
H.D.H.)

"Nov.30,1930.----. Dec.7,1930.-------. (Disciplinary case). ---" Deacon ------- offered his resignation as Deacon and requested the Session to visit any penalty on him they saw fit. On Motion of F.S.Kuykendal the resignation was impepted and no other sentence was imposed. The Session assured Mr. --------- of their deep sympathy and offered any help he felt they could render. -------. (Here follows a minute with respect to two other disciplinary cases)

(There is no indication anywhere in the minutes of the election ordination and installation of the deacon (above) who resigned in these 1892 - 1937 records. - H.D.H.)

"Jan.4,1931. -----. (One of the disciplinary cases above other than that of the"Deacon" is cleared at this meeting by record of confession and repentance in the minute).

"March 1,1931. ----. The Session proceeded to make out the budget for the coming year $1000. was included for Current Expenses and $500. for Benevolences. The deacons were instructed to make the every-member canvass and report back to the session. (Session again assumes in the first instance the prerogative of the Diaconate-H.D.H.)

"Nov.1,1931. -------. Mrs. ----------was received by letter from the ---------- Baptist Church.---. (A rather unusual procedure for a Baptist Church <u>to</u> a Presbyterian -H.D.H.)

"April 3,1932. -----. The following were elected officers of the Sunday School. Mr. J.B.Coffey Supt. L.M.Rea 1st.Assistant L.Ennis 2nd.Assistant, Miss Emma Kuykendal, Pianist, Miss Ethel Rea Assistant. All former Sunday School Teachers selected- Mr.L.M.Rea, Mrs. S.F.Grier,Mrs.W.M.Russell, Miss Emma Kuykendal, Mrs.Fannie Matthews, Mrs. J.M.McGinnis, Miss Minnie Yandell,Mrs.Grace Russell and Miss Ethel Rea. Mr.L.S.Knox was elected Sec.of the Sunday School and Mr.P.P.Patterson, Treasurer.

(There is no mention of several of these teachers in a former election in any prior minute on the record-H.D.H.)(cf.4/6/1930)

"July 25,1932. ----. It was moved that in view of a proposal to group this church with Waxhaw Presbyterian that such a proposal does not now seem adviseable. Carried. The Pastor was instructed to arrange a series of week's services about September, first Sunday.
"It was also agreed that a public presentation of rotation of church officers should be made by the pastor to the congregation.---. (Dr.Garth was technically a "supply" not "pastor" though his services were lengthy and loyal -H.D.H.)

"Sep.4,1932.-----.Twelve young people were received into the church on profession of their faith in Christ as a result of a week's meeting in the church Aug.28 to Sep.4, the preaching having been done by Rev. W.W.Akers, of West Avenue Church, Charlotte, ------. All of these (list of names given, page 188) were given a public reception and six were baptized before the congregation. ----. A meeting of elders and deacons was called to meet after divine service Sep.18 to consider repairing the Manse. (It's last ministerial occupant - Dr. Gurney). ---.

"Oct.2,1932.-----. The Session moved and carried a resolution to ask Presbytery's permission to employ Rev. J.G.Garth as Stated Supply until the Spring meeting.---.

"March 5,1933. ---. Session met in the Church with Deacons. Present Elders D.F.Kuykendal, J.B.Coffey, C.O.Howard and W.M.Ross. Deacons present, John McKinney, McLees Rea and J. W.Ross. Session was moderated by Rev. J.G.Garth. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for an every-member canvass March 19, 1933. Since the death of our beloved Brother Elder L.S.Knox, Rev. J.G.Garth and W.M.Ross were appointed a committee to draft a resolution of regret at the loss of our Bro. Elder. At --. A congregation meeting was ordered for the first Sunday in April to consider the election of Elder to fill vanancy caused by the death of Elder L.S.Knox.------.

"April 2,1933. -----.W.M.Ross reported that in accordance with the order of session and announcement duly made a congregational meeting was held in connection with the morning service today for the purpose of electing officers. Rev.J.G. Garth acted as Moderator, and W.M.Ross was elected Clerk of the meeting.

"A motion to adopt the rotary system of church officers was made and the congregation voted against the plan.
"The congregation decided to elect two additional elders and three additional deacons and the vote was taken by secret

ballot without nomination.

"The result of the election was as follows: Elders Lindsay Minnis and J.W.McKinney. Deacons, P.P.Patterson, John McGinnis & C.O.Howard,Jr..-------.

"The Session interviewed the above newly-elected officers and examined them according to the Book of Church Order and the examinations were each and all sustained. April 16 was set as the day for installing these new officers.-----.

"The Session reconvened at the church at 4 p.m. A memorial to the late Lester Sample Knox, Sr. an elder of this church who died on March 2, 1933 was adopted as follows:

"Memorial to L.S.Knox.
Lester Sample Knox was born April 28, 1873 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, near Providence Presbyterian Church. His parents were W. S. and Isabella Sample Knox. Lester Sample Knox united with Providence Church in May 2, 1892 at the age of 19 years, and on the same day, Miss Lyde Dunn was received both in profession of faith in Christ. This lady later became his wife.
Mr. Knox was elected secretary of the Sunday School in April 1899 and continued in this office until his death with the exception of about three years. He was ordained a deacon June 17,1904 and became an elder April 9,1920.
On Dec.12,1900 Lester Sample Knox was united in marriage to Miss Lyde Dunn. They had four children, Lester Sample,Jr., William McKee, Frances Isabella, and John Marshall. These three sons and one daughter, with Mrs. Knox survive. Mr. Knox died at the house where he was born, the old Sample homestead, on March 2, 1933 and lies buried in the family plot in Providence Cemetery. Mr. Knox had lived in the same house practically all his life.
We the Session of Providence record here our bereavement in the death of our brother, and extend to his family our deepest sympathy.
We also record our appreciation of the life and work of our fellow elder and testify to our high valuation of his character and service in the church.
We hereby set aside a page of session minutes to his memory, and direct that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother. J.G.Garth and W.M.Ross,Committee. (Page 193).

"The following were elected as officers and teachers of the Sunday School for the year beginning Apr.1.-
J.B.Coffey, Superintendent emeritus
L.Ennis, Superintendent
L.M.Rea, Assistant Superintendent
P.P.Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer
Franklin Kuykendal, Asst.Secretary
Miss Emma Kuykendal, pianist & teacher
Miss Ethel Rea, Asst, pianist & teacher
L.M.Rea, Men's Class
Mrs. Theresa Niven, Women's Class
Miss Minnie Downs, Young People's Class
Mrs.John McGinnis
Miss Mamie Yandell
Miss Grace Russell
Miss Emma Kuykendal (cf.above -H.D.H.)
Miss Ethel Rea (cf. above-H.D.H.)
H-----.
"Session adopted a motion to ask Presbytery to allow Rev. J. G.Garth to supply Providence until the fall meeting of Presbytery.
"May 7 was set as annual Homecoming Day with an invitation to Rev. Edward Mack to preach, and Rev. H.W.McLaughlin as alternate.
"The parents having children to be baptized are to be asked to present them at church on May 7.----.

"April 16,1933. -----. After a sermon by the moderator the session proceeded to install the new officers elected. L. Ennis being an ordained elder was installed, and the following were ordained and installed: J.W.McKinney, Elder, J.M. McGinnis, P.P.Patterson and C.O.Howard,Jr. deacons, all with the laying on the hands of the session after each and all had assumed the obligations of their office as prescribed by the Book of Church Order.
"Rev. T. R. Alexander was invited to take part in the ordination service.-----.

"Sept.3,1933. -------. The above members (list given-H.D.H.) were received in connection with a revival conducted from August 27 to Sept.3. Rev. W.H.Frazin (sp.?),D.D. doing the preaching. It was ordered that a collection be taken at the morning meeting the proceeds of which to be used as for Dr.Frazier.----. (This was W.H.Frazer,D.D., President of Queens-Chicora College)

(A printed leaflet serving as a church bulletin for this date, Sept.3,1933, is attached to the sessional record:

Several interesting bits of historical information are here discovered - H.D.H.)

"Providence Presbyterian Church, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Organized 1767, Erected 1858 (cut of 1859-1860 building shown-)

"Sunday School 10 A.M., Preaching 11 A.M., Young People 8 P.M. Men's Bible Class 10 A.M., Women's Bible Class 10 A.M. -----.

"Everybody is welcome to Providence.

"The Seven Churches of Old Mecklenburg County. The seven original churches of old Mecklenburg County were Sugaw Creek, Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Center, Hopewell, Steel Creek and Providence. Sugaw Creek and Rocky River were organized in 1756. Poplar Tent possibly in 1752. The others in 1764, except Providence. The old sessional records say Providence was organized in 1767 by Rev. William Richardson of the Waxhaws.

(There have been emendations made since 1933 -H.D.H.)

"Session. Rev. J.G.Garth, Charlotte, N.C., Minister and Moderator. W.M.Ross, Matthews,N.C., Clerk. W.N.McKee, C.O.Howard, F.B.Kuykendal, J.B.Coffey, J.W.McKinney, Lindsay Ennis.

"Deacons. S.F.Grier, Matthews,N.C. Chairman. L.M.Rea, J.W. Ross, G.B.Bryant, J.L.Rea, J.M.McGinnis, F.P.Patterson, C.O. Howard,Jr.

"Mrs. J.R.Rone ---------- Treasurer of Church
J.M.McGinnis ------Treasurer of Cemetery Fund
Miss Julia Kuykendal, Calendar Secretary
Newton Campbell, Sexton, Residence on Church Grounds.

"Men of the Church. J.W.Ross,------- President. Franklin Kuykendal,----Sec'y, J.J.Grier, Treasurer, W.M.Russell, Sp.Life and S.S.Work, R.A.Hudson, Foreign Missions, W.G.Williamson, Home Missions, H.D.Niven Ch.Ed. and Soc.Service, F.P.Patterson, Stewardship.

"Welcome Committee. S.F.Grier, J.M.McGinnis, R.A.Stephenson, G.B.Bryant.

"Ushers for Quarter. Joe and John McKee, William and Charles Stephenson.

"Sunday School. Lindsay Ennis,---Supt. L.M.Rea,--Asst.Supt. J.B.Coffey--- Supt.Emeritus, P.P.Patterson, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Franklin Kuykendal, Asst.Sec'y, Miss Emma Kuykendal,Pianist, L.M.Rea, Teacher Men's Bible Class, Mrs.S. F.Grier, Assistant, Mrs. Theresa Niven, Women's Bible Class, Miss Minnie Downs, Young People's Class, Mrs. Henry Niven, Intermediates, Misses Emma Kuykendal and Elizabeth Rea, Juniors, Mrs. J.R.Rone and Mrs. Grace Russell, Primaries, Mrs. J.M.McGinnis and Miss Mamie Yandell, Beginners, Mrs. R.A.Hudson, Cradle Roll Supt.

(This represents the April 2,1933 "approved" list with an addition of two names: Mrs.Henry Niven and Mrs. R.A.Hudson)

"Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Lindsay Ennis,---,President. Mrs.C.S.Howard,Jr., Vice President, Miss Mamie Yandell, Secretary, Mrs. J.M.McGinnis,--- Treasurer.

"Leaders of Circles. "Sue Downs"---Mrs. Everett Riggins, "Margaret Kuykendal"---Mrs. R.A.Hudson, "Delia Yandell"--Mrs. Henry Niven, "Julia Patterson"--Mrs. Rea Caston.

"Young People. Mrs. Grace Russell,----President. David Matthews, President. Julian Caston, Vice-President. Richard Grier, Secretary-Treasurer.

"---------. Mr. Barth has been acting as stated supply for this church since September 1929. (first time moderator of Session, Oct.6,1929 -H.D.H.) Mecklenburg Presbytery is getting restless about churches continuing stated supplies unless conditions do not warrant a pastorate. The officers of this church wish the church to make known what they wish to do about this matter. Mecklenburg Presbytery has taken action as follows:
1. After the fall meeting of Presbytery, 1933, Rule 27 of the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, edition of October, 1931, shall be rigidly adhered to and enforced.
2. After a church has been served by a stated supply for six months, an extension of this relationship shall be approved by Presbytery until representatives of that church have brought before the Presbytery in open meeting reasons for not forming the pastoral relationship".

(The following resolutions fall in the chronological order, here taken from page 232, this 1892 - 1937 record)

"Nov.10,1933. Resolutions of Respect for John B. Coffey.

"John B. Coffey was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, May 9, 1861 in Providence Township. He died Sept.30, 1933. He was 72 years of age and had been for 35 years an elder in Providence Presbyterian Church. Previously he had served as deacon and was made Elder Aug.21,1898. (this supplies the information missing from the minutes between July 3,1898 and Aug.21,1898- H.D.H.). He had also been Superintendent of the Sunday School twice, the later period for 30 years, since Feb.19,1903. (this supplies the information missing from the minutes between Feb.15,1903 and May 2, 1903- H.D.H.).
"We the members of the Session wish to record our sorrow at his departure and to express our high regard for Mr. Coffey's qualities - He was efficient, faithful, loyal, regular and deeply interested in his work. His gift of song made him peculiarly valuable to the church as well as his cheerful enthusiasm and courteous bearing. We offer the family of our deceased brother our cordial sympathy and wish them to have a copy of this Memorial. We hereby order that a page of the minutes be reserved for this obituary. Adopted by the Session. W.M.Ross, Clerk".

"Nov.12,1933. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. George Atkinson Modr.by request.-------.

"Jan.14,1934. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. Henry Little, Modr.by request.

"April 15,1934. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present. W.M.Ross,Modr. Other Elders, Lindsay Ennis, C.O.Howard & J.W.McKinney together with the Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Rone. ----. Mrs. Ethel Rone tendered her resignation as Treasurer of church and was accepted and C.O.Howard was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Rone. All of the former Sunday School Teachers, Superintendent and Assistant Supt. were elected for the ensuing year together with Miss Verta Wolf added to the group. Mr. Lindsay Ennis, Banks Kuykendal & C.O.Howard were appointed as a Pulpit Committee.------. (Treasurer - C.O.Howard,Jr.)

"May 13,1934. Due notice having been given the congregation assembled and Lindsay Ennis was elected Modr. and C.O.Howard,Sec. Rev. J.W.Stark of Mount Gilead's name was placed in nomination and was unanimously elected for one half of his time at a salary of Six Hundred and fifty dollars.---.

"Aug.5,1934. -----. Rev. Copeland, Modr. by request.----.

"Aug.26,1934. ----. A congregational meeting was ordered for Sunday, Sept.2, 1934 and the Clerk was instructed to invite Rev. J.G.Garth to preach for us on the occasion and moderate the meeting.----.

"Sept.2,1934.The congregation assembled in the church and was opened with prayer by the Modr. Rev. J.G.Garth. Lindsay Ennis, Sec. Rev. E.V.Wiley's name was placed before the congregation and was unanimously elected Pastor of Providence Church at a salary of Six hundred dollars to be paid monthly provided Waxhaw Church called him for the other half of his time.----.

(No indication in minutes that Providence had been grouped with Waxhaw up until this time. Cf.7/25/1932)

"Sept.9,1934. ----Lindsay Ennis,Modr.

"Oct.28,1934. Session met in the church and was opened with prayer. Present. Rev. E.V.Wiley Modr. Elders present, S.F. Kuykendal, W.N.McKee, J.W.McKinney and Lindsay Ennis. ----- also to have services by the Pastor, Rev. E.V.Wiley on Thanksgiving Day at ten o'clock being the 29th.day of November.----.

"Nov.11,1934. -----.The session heard a letter read from Rev. C.C.Corson wanting to buy ten acres of land & manse. After some discussion the Session instructed the Clerk to write Rev. C.C.Corson of Walton, Ky. asking him to make an offer on manse and ten acres of land. The matter to be placed before the congregation later.----.

(Rev.E.V.Wiley and family occupied the Waxhaw Manse-H.D.H)
(Nothing came of the matter of sale)

"Jan.27,1935. -----. The Session requested the Pastor, E.V. Wiley to get in touch with Rev. Ed. Mack of Union Seminary and see if he could secure him to preach for us on homecoming day in May, the date to be set later. It was the unanimous opinion of the Session not to have our protracted services until sometime in August, date to be decided on later.--.

(Homecoming Day had been fixed in May but not yet definitely on the First Sunday-H.D.H.)

"April 14,1935. -----. The following committee was elected to revise the church roll. Rev. E.V.Wiley, Elders Ross, Howard & McKee. Lindsay Ennis was elected as assistant to Clerk of

Session as Elder W.M.Ross's health is poor and he is unable to keep up the records to his own satisfaction.

"The Session agreed that regular communion services should be held on the 1st.Sunday in May, in connection with the Annual Homecoming Day. Preparatory services to be on Friday evening before.-----.

"April 28.1935. (Session appointed a church "musical committee")

"The following were approved as officers & teachers of the Sunday School for current year. Supt.Lindsay Ennis, Assistant Supt.L.M.Rea, Secretary, F.F.Patterson. Asst.Sec. Franklin Kuykendal, Teachers: Mrs. W.M.Russell, Mrs. C.O.Howard, Miss Verda Wolfe, Mrs. Grace Russell, Miss Emma Kuykendal, Miss Elisabeth Rea, Miss Minnie Downs, Mr. Joe Ross, Mrs. Lindsay Ennis, Mr. L.M.Rea, Mr. Henry Niven, Mrs. V.S.Hunter and Mr. Badger Bryant.----.

"Sept.22,1935. -----. The pastor asked the consent, and if the session thought it adviseable. to have a canvass od the entire church & S.S.membership and of any others in our bounds that are not attending church & S.S. elsewhere, and to extend to them a special invitation to attend services at Providence on Rally Day the 2nd.Sunday in Oct. The session was impressed with the idea and instructed the Pastor to proceed with his plans. Sept.29 was selected as the date for the visiting.--.

(McLees Rea having resigned as teacher of the Women's Bible Class, Mrs.Badger Bryant, having been elected by the class, was given sessional approval.)

"The old Providence school house property adjoining the church land having been purchased by the church and for the church recently, the question came up as to what disposition the church should make of the old house. The session being aware that there is a desire for a community house by a great number of the church members. And also seeing & feeling a great need for additional Sunday School rooms. And being unwilling to start anything that would prove unsatisfactory and inadequate in the future. The session frowned upon the idea of repairing the old building as it stands. But rather encouraged the idea of taking the old building down, and using all the available material for the purpose of constructing a new building that would be permanent. One that would provides space for community house Sunday School rooms and a session room. The question was tabled for further consideration and planning.A joint meeting of church officers & representatives of the

ladies auxiliary to hold forth in due season to consider this question further.-----.
"The session agreed that Mr. Robert Dunn of Charlotte,N.C. should be invited by our pastor to be present at our "Homecoming Day" next 1st.Sunday in May 1936 and make the address of the afternoon. -----.

"As the Board of Deacons had recently acquired the old Providence School Building and ground, and there being some members of the congregation demanding that the church utilize same for a community house & Sunday S. accommodation the Session ordered a congregational meeting the 2nd.Sunday in Jan. 1936.-----.

"Feb.23,1936.-----The session agreed unanimously that the congregation try out the 'Lord's Acre' plan Lindsay Ennis was elected as captain, to organize & work out this plan or system.
"The session reconsidered the resignation of L. Ennis as Supt, of Sunday School, that was tendered previously. The resignation was accepted as of First of April, 1936.
"Mr. L.M.Rea was elected as Supt. to succeed L. Ennis and H.D. Niven was elected assistant Supt. -----.

"January 12,1936. Due notice having been given, the congregation met for the purpose of considering the erecting of a community house on the church grounds. The plans, as submitted by the building committee, were adcepted in full. These plans were to build a one story building 12 ft. from floor to ceiling 50 by 38 to be known as the Educational Building situated between the well and the church. This same committee consisting of Mr. Badger Bryant, chairman, B. M. Helms, Mrs. John McGinnis, Miss Minnie Downs, Mr. Lindsay Ennis, Henry Niven, were reelected to supervise the construction of the building. A motion was made by Mr. Joe Ross to allow the men to contribute their own labor. This motion was carried. The meeting was closed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Riley. (signed) L.M.Rea, Clerk.

"March 8, 1936. -----. There having been some misunderstanding about Mr. R.A.Dunn and Mr. Tom Dunn for the afternoon hour on Homecoming Day (May 3) It was decided to formally invite Mr. Tom Dunn for this occasion as Mr. R.A.Dunn felt he would be unable to fill the appointment due to his poor health.
"Mr.Pres.P.Patterson tendered his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School as of April 1,1936. After some hesitancy of the session his resignation was accepted. Mr. Franklin Kuykendal was elected to succeed Mr.Patterson as Sec.-Treas.-----.

"April 19,1936. ---W.N.McKee, Moderator.---.

"June 28,1936. ----The session decided that the church should have prayer meetings the two Saturday nights preceding the beginning of the meeting the last week in July.----.

"July 31,1936. The session met in the church after Friday night service by Dr. J. M. Walker.-----. (here follows a list of additions to the membership-H.D.H.)

"August 9,1936. ----. (first clear minute referring to a Daily Vacation Bible School. H.D.H.)

"Sept.13,1936. -----.Elder W.M.Ross having informed the pastor some time ago, that due to his poor state of health and feeble physical condition, that he desired to be relieved of any responsibility of the clerk of session office. His resignation having been tendered more than a year ago. But not accepted by the session at that time Elder Lindsay Ennis was appointed by the session to assist Elder Ross with the work.(cf.4/14/1935). After due consideration of Elder Ross' condition, and request for acceptance of his resignation. It was accepted by the session and Elder Lindsay Ennis was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Elder Ross' resignation. Rev. Riley was authorized to prepare a letter of appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by Elder Ross.

"The question of a church council was introduced by the pastor. It was discussed to some extent. But was finally tabled until next session meeting when more of the Elders are present.---.

(This minute signed by Lindsay Ennis, Clerk -H.D.H.)

EXCERPTS IN THE HANDWRITING OF F.E. KUYKENDAL, CLERK PRO TEM (AND CLERK)

"Nov.29,1936. ----. After some discussion as to needs of the church, motion was made and carried that a congregational meeting be held on Dec.13, for the purpose of electing four additional elders and two additional deacons and refilling any vacancy made in the diaconate through election of elders. ----.

"Dec.13,1936. ----. Communication from Lindsay Ennis of Rocky Mount offering his resignation as member and clerk of Session was read. Motion was made and carried that we accept

Mr. Ennis' resignation as Clerk but not as member of Session. The Session recommended that nomination and election of Elders and Deacons be made by secret ballot.
Decision was made to have a meeting of church officers both old and new on Monday evening Jan.4, at 7 o'clock, and that the newly-elected officers be ordained and installed on fourth Sunday in Jan.1937.

"Dec.13,1936 (Insert attached giving minutes of congregational meeting that date-H.D.H)O

"Mr.O.C.Jackman, Mr.L.M.Rea, Mr. O.S.Barber, Mr.P.P.Patterson. (Elders-elect)
"Mr.R.A.Hudson, Mr.R.A.Stephenson, Mr. F.B.Kuykendal,Jr., Mr. James A. Blakeney. (Deacons-elect)

"Jan.26,1937. ------. The following recently elected officers were ordained and installed. O.C.Jackman, L.M.Rea, Osmond Barber and P.P.Patterson as elders. Ordination as to Mr. Barber was omitted, He having served as elder with Fort Mill church. Also R.A.Hudson, R.A.Stephenson, Franklin B. Kuykendal,Jr., and James A. Blakeney were ordained and installed as deacons, ordination as to Mr. Stephenson being omitted, He having served as deacon with the "Banks" church.------.

"April 1,1937. ----Mr. L.M.Rea was reelected Superintendent of Sunday School, with Mr. Osmond Barber assistant. Also Miss Minnie Downs and Mrs.Gertrude McDinnis were named as supervisors of the intermediate and primary departments. At this point the meeting was merged into joint meeting of elders and deacons.---.

"April 4, 1937. ------. F.B.Kuykendal was elected Clerk of Session to succeed Mr. Lindsay Ennis who had served only a short time.
"Resolution was adopted expressing the session's appreciation of the nearly fifty years of devoted and diligent service of Mr. W.M.Ross as Clerk of Session. The Pastor with Elder C.C. Howard was requested to prepare a letter embodying this resolution to be handed to Mr. Ross and also read to the congregation.
"The Session made request that the pastor Rev. R.V. Filey preach the sermon and hold communion service first Sunday in May - now known as home-coming day. Also if possible Rev. John A. Redhead pastor of Second Church, Charlotte, be secured for the afternoon service.
"Decision was made to hold regularly periodic meeting of Session once each quarter on second Sunday of first month of the quarter at three o'clock.----.

STATISTICS FROM 1893 UNTIL 1936 INCLUSIVE APPEAR IN PAGES 236-239 and 381-382. ONLY THOSE ARE HERE REPRODUCED WHICH GIVE THE TYPICAL PICTURE FOR THE OPENING OF IMPORTANT PASTORATES, viz.

	J.W.S. 1893	C.K. 1913	H.E.G. 1922	J.G.G. 1929	E.V.W. 1933 (1934)
Elders	4	5	9	8	7
Deacons	3	5	9	8	9
Additions to Membership (Communicant)	13	4	12	1	20
Total Membership (Communicant)	119	126	192	150	169
Adult Baptisms	2	0	0	9	6
Infant Baptisms	10	1	4	3	1
Scholars in Sunday School	35	101	120	n.r.	155
Officers & Teachers in S.S.	9	n.r.	8	10	12
Pastor's Salary	$ 462.	$ 250. incom.	$1000.	$ 695.	$ 625.
Foreign Missions	85.	51.	120.	75.	56.
Total Contributions	667.	747.	2100.	2112.	c. 1277.

Other high figures:

Total Membership (Communic.) 1925 - 1926 H.E.G. Pastorate ------- 224

Highest Salary 1925 - 1926 H.E.G. Pastorate ------$ 1200.

Highest To For.Miss. 1925 - 1926 H.E.G. Pastorate ----$ 220.

FROM THE TEXT OF THE VOLUME OF SESSIONAL RECORDS 1892 TO 1937 INCLUDING MINUTES AND REGISTERS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN DERIVED CONCERNING THE OFFICIAL LIFE OF PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH/ (Material in parentheses explanatory and not part of original)

(1) Pastors and Supplies (exclusive of visiting ministers as "pulpit" supplies)

1. J. W. Siler (pastor) 1st.moderated session 7/31/1892
Installed 11/6/1892
Resigned 12/17/1899

2. W. H. Davis (pastor) 1st.moderated session 8/25/1900
Installed ---
Resigned 5/10/1903

3. J. B. Mack (supply then pastor) 1st.moderated session by request 9/6/1903
Elected Pastor 2/7/1904
1st.moderated session as pastor 4/29/1904
Installed ----
Resigned 5/4/1906

4. H. M. Parker (pastor) Elected Pastor 5/6/1906
1st.moderated session by request 7/1/1906
Installed 7/1906
Resigned between 4/5/1910 & 10/23/1910

5. C. C. Corson (pastor) Elected Pastor 12/3/1910
1st.moderated session 12/18/1910
Installed ----
Resigned (effective date) 7/1912

6. Charles Kingsley (pastor) Elected Pastor (2nd.x) 7/13/1913
1st.moderated session 7/27/1913
Installed ----
Resigned (2nd.x) 4/2/1921
Last moderated session 11/20/1921

7. H. E. Gurney (pastor) Elected Pastor 1/15/1922
1st.moderated session 4/16/1922
Installed ----
Resigned 7/22/1928

(All of the above occupied the "Old" or "1892 Manse"-H.D.H.)

**** (The following occupied the Waxhaw Manse when Providence was so grouped - H.D.H.) (J.G.G. did not occupy old manse- J.B.McL. and J.W.S. were only temporary supplies)

8. J. B. McLaughlin (pastor-elect - declined) 5/5/1929

9. J. G. Garth (supply) After 6/1/1929. Occasionally moderated session.

10. J. W. Stark (pastor-elect - declined) 5/13/1934

**** 11. E. V. Wiley (pastor) Elected Pastor 9/2/1934
Moderated session 1st.10/28/
Installed 10/1934 /1934

(one turns to next volume for further information)

(2) Elders, including information on Office of Clerk of Session

1. Elders in office towards close of Roger Martin Pastorate, beginning of Jesse W. Siler Pastorate.

H. M. Parks	transferred 4/17/1892 Clerk from 11/6/1886 until 3/7/1891
W. H. Downs	died 12/11/1928
W. F. Kuykendal	died 8/29/1904
H. Q. Alexander, M.D.,	died after 7/22/1928
W. M. Ross	Clerk. Resigned 9/13/1936

2. Elders ordained and installed in the J. W. Siler Pastorate.

N. M. Stitt Matthews	O&I	9/25/1898	transferred 3/10/1907
J. B. Coffey	O&I	9/25/1898	died 9/30/1933

3. Elders-elect and elders ordained and installed in the J. B. Mack supply.

T. O. Ross	O&I	1/10/1904 or 1/17/1904 died 1928
W. M. Matthews	Elected - never O & I.	

4. Elders ordained and installed in the Charles Kingsley Pastorate.

B. F. Kuykendal (F. B. Kuykendal)	O&I after 4/9/1920 Clerk pro tem 12/13/1936 Clerk 4/4/1937
L. S. Knox	O&I after 4/9/1920 died 3/2/1933
W. N. McKee	O&I after 4/9/1920
C. O. Howard (Sr.)	O&I after 4/9/1920

5. Elders installed or ordained and installed in the J. G. Garth supply.

Lindsay Ennis	I 4/16/1933 Asst.Clerk 4/14/1935 Clerk 9/13/1936 Resigned Clerk 12/13/1936
J. W. McKinney	O&I 4/16/1933

6. Elders installed or ordained and installed in the E. V. Wiley pastorate (this sessional record book only - H.D.H.)

O. C. Jackman	O&I 1/24/1937
L. M. Rea	O&I 1/24/1937
O. S. Barber	I 1/24/1937
P. P. Patterson	O&I 1/24/1937

(3) Deacons and Deacons-Elect

1. Deacons in office towards the close of Roger Martin and beginning of Jesse W. Siler Pastorates.

W. A. Pearce	transferred 12/17/1899
J. B. Coffey	To Eldership-elect 8/21/1898
J. P. McGinnis	transferred

2. Deacons ordained and installed in the J.W. Siler Pastorate.

L. S. Knox	O&I 9/25/1898 Elder-elect 4/9/1920

W. N. McKee	O&I 9/25/1898	Elder-elect 4/9/1920
H.G.L. Rea	O&I 9/25/1898	

3. Deacons-elect and deacons ordained and installed in the J. B. Mack supply. (before pastorate)

J. W. McKinney	O&I 1/10/1904 or 1/17/1904	Elder-elect 4/2/1923
C. O. Howard (Sr.)	O&I 1/10/1904 or 1/17/1904	Elder-elect 4/9/1920
F. B. Kuykendal	O&I 1/10/1904 or 1/17/1904	Elder-elect 4/9/1920
W. F. McGinnis	Deacon-elect 1/10/1904	Never O&I

4. Deacons-elect and deacons ordained and installed in Charles Kingsley Pastorate.

G. B. Bryant	O&I after 4/9/1920	
S. F. Grier	O&I after 4/9/1920	
L. M. Rea	O&I after 4/9/1920	
J. W. Ross	O&I after 4/9/1920	
Will Grier	Deacon-elect ~~after~~ 4/9/1920	never O&I
John Biggers	Deacon-elect ~~after~~ 4/9/1920	never O&I

**** 5. Deacons ordained and installed in the J. G. Garth supply.

P. P. Patterson	O&I 4/16/1933
John M. McGinnis	O&I 4/16/1933
C. O. Howard, Jr.	O&I 4/16/1933

6. Deacons ordained and installed in the E. V. Wiley Pastorate. (This sessional record book only)

R. A. Hudson	O&I 1/24/1937
R.A. Stephenson	O&I 1/24/1937
F. B. Kuykendal, Jr.	O&I 1/24/1937
J. A. Blakeney	O&I 1/24/1937

**** Name of J.L. Rea appears on Church Calendar 9/3/1933 (as Deacon) attached to this sessional record book. No other record of election or O&I. ~~Could this be correction for H.G.L. Rea, O&I 9/25/1898, or not?~~ - H.D.M.

(4) Ministerial Candidates approved by the Session

Lawrence Yandle	9/24/1899
L. W. Matthews	7/5/1903
Thomas Alexander	9/19/1915 cf. 4/16/1933
Bessie Blakeney (Missionary Candidate)	4/7/1919

(5) Trustees (Special)

W. M. Ross	1/25/1903
W. N. McKee	1/25/1903

(6) Church Treasurer

W. A. Pearce (Pierce)	Resigned 4/22/1899
L. S. Knox	Elected 4/22/1899
	Resigned 9/2/1900
W. N. McKee	Elected 9/2/1900
	Resigned 9/1/1927
(Treasurer- Board of Deacons)	
(S. L. Grier	4/17/1920)
Ethel Rea	5/1/1927, 4/6/1930
	Resigned 4/15/1934
C. O. Howard, Jr.	4/15/1934

(7) Sunday School Supt. and Assistants

M. N. Yandel in office and reappointed 3/27/1892	
	Resigned 1/1/1895 (effective date)
H. Q. Alexander	12/16/1894 and reappointed 2/7/1897
	Asst. 1/23/1895
W. A. Pierce	Asst. 12/16/1894 and reappoint. 2/7/1897
W. A. Pierce	Supt. 1/23/1898 and reappoint.
	1/15/1899 until 2/19/1899
J. B. Coffey	Asst. 1/15/1899
	Resigned 2/15/1903
J. B. Coffey	Supt. 4/8/1918, 4/7/1919, 4/9/1920,
	4/6/1930, 4/3/1932,
	In Church Calendar as Supt. 9/3/1933
	Emeritus
Banks Kuykendal	Supt. 2/19/1899
	Resigned 2/15/1903
	Reelected 1/1/1905

N. M. Stitt Matthews	Supt. 2/15/1903
W. M. Ross	Asst. 2/15/1903
L. S. Knox	Asst. 1/1/1905, 4/8/1918
L. M. Rea	Asst. 4/17/1919, 4/9/1920 4/6/1930, 4/3/1932. 4/28/1935
L. M. Rea	Supt. 2/23/1936, 4/1/1937
Osmond Barber	Asst. 4/6/1930 until 4/3/1932 4/1/1937
Lindsay Ennis	Asst. 4/3/1932 Supt. 9/33/1933 In Church Calendar. 4/28/1935
H. D. Niven	Asst. 2/23/1936, ~~4/28/1935~~

(8) Sunday School Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant

W. M. Ross	Sec-Treas. 1/23/1898
Leonard Matthews	Asst. 1/23/1898
L. S. Knox	Sec.-Treas. 4/6/1930
P. P. Patterson	Sec.-Treas by Church Calendar 9/3/1933 4/28/1935 Resigned 3/8/1936 effective 4/1/1936
Franklin Kuykendal, Jr.	Asst. 9/3/1933 by Church Calendar 4/28/1935 Sec.-Treas 3/8/1936

(9) First Sessional Recognition of Work of Women of Church known as Women's Auxiliary- April 4, 1936.

Church Calendar Sept. 3, 1933 Officers as Follows:

President - Mrs. Lindsay Ennis, Vice-President - Mrs. C. O. Howard, Jr., Secretary - Miss Mamie Yandell, Treasurer - Mrs. J. M. McGinnis.

LISTING BY DATES AS THEY APPEAR IN SESSIONAL MINUTES 1892 - 1937 OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM THE EARLIER LISTS OF 1861 - 1892. cf. Alphabetical Listings, pages 254 to 313. D -- dismissed by transfer. R -- received by examination, profession or letter. * entry chronologically out of order.

4/17/1892 D.-H.M.Parks and Family. D.-T.O.Parks and Family.

7/31/1892 R.-Emily Jane Bass.

8/4/1892 R- John Helms, John C. Kuykendal.

8/5/1892 R- Samuel W. McKee, Watson Matthews, Mrs. J.W.Siler.

8/7/1892 R- F. B. Kuykendal

12/18/1892 D- Mr. & Mrs. John Jones.

2/19/1893 R- J.M.Cooper.

3/19/1893 D- D.H.Kell, R- Mr. & Mrs. W.E.Campbell.

11/6/1892 * R- Emma Hunter, Willie Hunter, Amy Matthews.

5/6/1893 R- Mrs.Elizabeth Helms, Effie Bass, Mrs. Caroline Phifer, Mrs. Wilson Matthews. Monford Manes, Allen Bass.

5/7/1893 R- Benjamin I. Ivey, Thomas B. Morris, William S. Harris.

8/11/1893 R- L.W.Matthews, S.M.Hunter, H.W.Gardner, Lizzie D. Ross, Martha J. Patterson, Jane Matthews, John Rea,Jr.,

8/13/1893 R- Ella Pauline Grier, Ada Ream Bula Ross, Ada Gardner, May Bell Rea.

8/20/1893 R-C. W. Matthews, D- Mrs. Emily J. Thornburg.

8/20/1893 R- David Poplin.

10/29/1893 R- J.D.Pearce.

12/11/1893 R- D.C.Caldwell.

2/18/1894 R- Mr. & Mrs. Newton Ross.

8/19/1894 R- F.O.Hartis

10/6/1894 D- J.F. & Maggie L.Pearce, Mrs. M.E.Delaney.

10/27/1894	R.- Mrs. M.A.Grier
3/3/1895	D- Mrs. Ida Nesbit.
3/27/1895	D- Walter D. Smith & Elizabeth Jane Smith, Cora May Smith.
5/5/1895	D- L.W.Matthews.
8/18/1895	R- Van Matthews, Mrs. Maggie A. Bradford, Mrs.D. J. Downs. D- Mrs. Lillie Warlick, Mrs.Bell McG-laughten (sp/?).
8/22/1895	R- Annie Pearce, Emma Peoples Rea, Vernon Grier, William Williamson, Walter Banks Helms, Pink Rea, Mrs. E.J.Matthews, Willie Rea Ross, John Harris Rea.
8/22/1895	R- John R. Whitesides, John L. McGinnis, Lonnie Gardner, William Bass.
8/23/1895	R- James Ross, Mrs.Watson Matthews, John J. Pearce, Wilson Matthews, Minnie Cochran, Mary Patterson, Jannie Grier, Elenore Helms.
10/20/1895	D- Will Campbell "and family".
3/4/1896	R- James M. Rea.
8/2/1896	R- Mrs.Ada Bell Howard, D- S.R.McKee,M.D.
9/6/1896	R- Cora Malissa Helms.
5/30/1897	R- L.W.Matthews (cf.above).
8/4/1897	R- Syd Grier.
10/3/1897	R- John Helms, Fred Rea, Mack Helms, Janie Helms, Rea Caston, John Ross, John L. Rea, W.R.Downs, W.J.Bass, S.W.Patterson.
8/3/1897 *	R- Gertha Coffey, Lilly Helms, Mrs. Martha Helms.
1/23/1898	R- W.W.Grier,Jr.
2/6/1897	R- Mrs. Maggie Y. Rea.
3/6/1898	R- Mrs. Willie W. Matthews.
8/5/1898	R- Fair Kuykendal, Mamie Grier, Hattie Gordon, Gertrude Rea.
8/7/1898	R- Jennie Gordon, Minnie Williamson, Maggie Miller, Emma Miller.

8/21/1898 R- Mrs. Dorcas Williamson.

4/22/1897 To Retired Roll- J.M.Cooper, D.C.Caldwell, Minnie Cochran, Benjamin Ivy, Manford Manes, Thos.B. Morris, William Morris, George Pettus, Dave Poplin.

8/5/1899 R- Willie Campbell.

9/3/1899 D- Mrs. R.W.Lemond.

10/1/1899 D- J.W.Gardner, Miss Maggie Gardner.

11/5/1899 R- Bertha M. Rea.

12/3/1899 D- Newton Ross "and family".

12/17/1899 D- Mr. & Mrs. W.A.Pearce, Annie Pearce, James Pearce.

3/29/1900 D- Mrs. Amine Howard McDonald (sp.?).

6/17/1900 D- Mrs. J.W.Siler.

9/2/1900 R- James Pearce & Maggie Pearce.

9/30/1900 D- Hattie Gordon, Janie Gordon, Mrs. Ada Gardner.

10/7/1900 R- Mr.& Mrs. William Campbell.

1/6/1901 D- Miss Ada Gardner. (cf.above)

2/17/1901 D- Charles Yandle.

5/5/1901 D- W.H.Gardner.

6/16/1901 D- Jannie Patterson.

8/7/1901 R- Mary Robinson, Claud Hunter.

8/8/1901 R- Annie Bryant.

8/10/1901 R- Mary Yandle, Leona Patterson (sp.?).

8/9/1901 * R- Robert Bryant, Burgess Helms.

4/20/1902 D- V. G. Grier.

5/3/1902 D- D. S. Yandle.

5/4/1902 D- Mrs. M.A.Biggers.

7/23/1902 D- William D. Pearce, Mrs. Ada Rea Erwin (sp.?).

8/16/1902 R- McLees Rea, James Yandle.

8/17/1902 R- Edith Alexander, Willie Kuykendal.

11/16/1902 D- T. N. Helms.

1/18/1903 R- Mrs.Bass (initials ?)

2/15/1903 D- F.O.Hartis (cf.above).

10/16/1903 R- Mrs. E.W.Nesbit.

10/18/1903 R- Lydia E. Reid, William Reid.

12/6/1903 D- Mrs. Lillie Bass Baker, Mrs.Maggie Patterson Alexander.

4/30/1904 R- Clive Campbell Alexander, Jessie Bell Alexander, Edna Gibson Bradford.

7/15/1904 R- Edith Loraine Rea, Mary Matthews.

7/16/1904 R- Marshall Bruner Helms, Rosey Ethel Helms.

12/4/1904 D- Mrs. Lena Patterson Rea, Ivy Matthews.

6/4/1905 R- Mrs. Maggie E. Delaney.

8/4/1905 R- Maggie Bell Bass.

8/5/1905 R- Mr.-----Helms.

8/8/1905 R- Bessie Banks Pearce, Rose Lee Pearce, Milo Alexander Pearce, Raymond Campbell.

9/2/1905 R- Mrs. Ella May Matthews.

9/3/1905 R- Ola Lee Hemby, Winnie Davis Grier, Amanda Louise Helms, Ralph G. Bryant, Van M. Matthews, George P. Robinson, Edward (?)W. Riggins, J.F.Helms, G. B. Bryant, Frank B. Harget.

9/4/1905 R- Mamie Matthews, John Calhoun Matthews, David Samuel Coffey, John Thomas Pearce, Henry Alexander, Pressley Paul Patterson, Bertha E. Bass.

9/5/1905 R- Maggie Bell Helms, Mattie Eudora Helms, Mattie Lucinda Bass, John Reese Coffey, Hugh Calvin Rea, Thad Bonner Grier, Perry Alexander, Henry Helms, Mary Helms.

9/6/1905 R- Rufus Williamson.

9/7/1905 R- Mary Bell Pearce.

10/1/1905 D- Gertha Coffey.

1/1/1906 R- Flora Matthews.

3/12/1906 D- Julia Hunter.

6/3/1906 R- Sue Ethel Rea.

10/21/1906 R- Mrs. Ethel Grier

3/10/1907 D- Miss Willie -------, Augusta Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. W.E.Campbell. (possibly Miss Willie ~~Reid~~ Hunter -M.D.H.)

3/31/1907 D- N.S.Matthews.

4/13/1907 D- P. L. Alexander. R- Mrs.H.M.Parker, Kate M. Parker, Marianna Parker.

5/26/1907 R- Bessie Blakeney, Lina Blakeney, Flora E. Patterson, Annie Lee Patterson, Mary Downs.
D- Harrison Rhea (sp.?), W.J. & Margaret Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Will Bass "and their baptized children" and Miss Benie Bass and Maggie Bass.

6/9/1907 R- Mrs. James A. Blakeney (Blakney).

8/16/1907 R- Maud Coffey, Lyde Elisabeth Matthews.

3/8/1908 D- Mrs.Emma Rea Mann, Mrs.Maybell Rea Davis (Voris).

5/8/1908 R- W.W.Conder & E.M.Conder, Miss S.M.Conder.

5/10/1908 R- Thresa Alexander. (sp.?)

5/24/1908 R- J. S. Grier, J. J. Grier, Edith S. Grier, Kate S. Grier, Francis W. Grier, Ruby Grier, Charles F. Grier.

8/22/1908 R- Lena Delaney, Bleeker Matthews.

10/25/1908 D- Emma Hunter, Edna Bradford, Thad B. Grier.

2/6/1909 R- Mrs. Mollie Harget, Jane Harget. D- Mrs. W.M. Moby (nee Annie Bryant), Mrs.Fred McGinn (nee Mary Patterson), Burgess Helms, Mrs.Martha Helms, Manda Helms, Thresa Helms, Eddie Helms, Cora Helms.

4/2/1909	D- R.J.McGinnis.
5/14/1909	R- Thomas R. Alexander.
5/15/1909	R- Dwight Alexander.
5/16/1909	R- David Rea, Frank Coffey, Bulah Bradford, Athalie Nesbit.
8/13/1909	R- Helen Matthews.
8/15/1909	R- John Hunter Matthews.
9/20/1909	D- Mary Matthews.
11/21/1909	R- James Latham Rea, Hazel Emmet Rea.
4/30/1910	R- Maud Patterson, Jessie Jane Pearce, Fannie Alexander Pierce, Mamie Coffey (sp.?)
5/1/1910	R- Neal Clinton Grier.
8/21/1910	R- Eugen Ross, John Wesley McKinney, Mattie McKinney.
10/2/1910	D- Kate Parker, Mary Parker.
11/13/1910	D- Claud Hunter, Jannie Matthews.
2/19/1911	D- John P. McGinnis
7/2/1911	D- James F. Pearce "and family".
7/13/1911	R- Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Porter.
8/10/1911	R- Lee Harget.
9/10/1911	R- Edmonia Blakeney.
9/17/1911	R- Mrs. C.C.Corson "and three children".
10/1/1911	R- E.C.Grier
11/19/1911	R- Young Matthews, Zebulun Kizer (sp/?), Miss Bright Kizer.
12/17/1911	R- Euna Ross.
10/13/1912	D- Van M. Matthews.
2/9/1912	D- Jannie Lee Grier

3/16/1913	D- Mrs. C.C.Corson.
3/30/1913	D- Charles Grier,M.D.
5/31/1913	R- Mary Grier.
7/27/1913	D. Mrs. Minnie Matthews.
12/21/1913	R- Mamie McKinney (sp.?), Miss Frances Alexander D- Mrs. Ida Nesbit, Athlee Nesbit (sp.?)
1/18/1914	D- Miss Willard Grier
3/29/1914	R- J.V.Biggers.
7/5/1914	R- Mrs. Charles Kingsley.
10/3/1914	R- Edna Bradford (cf.above).
2/21/1915	R- S. H. Kerr
3/7/1915	D- Edgar Porter
3/21/1915	R- Mrs. W.R.Grier, Mrs. Eva Coffey.
4/4/1915	R- Eleanor Grier, H.A.Norwood, Miss Ella L. Norwood, Lina A. Norwood, Miss Odist Norwood, Mrs. --- McMurry.
5/1/1915	D- George Robinson.
8/15/1915	R- Mr. & Mrs. F.M.Rogers.
9/19/1915	R- Kate Matthews.
10/17/1915	R- Mrs.McLees Rea
10/31/1915	R- Mr. & Mrs. J. Harris.
2/20/1916	R- Margaret Blakeney, Sample Knox. D- A.B.Ross, Reece Coffey.
8/26/1916	R- Anna Helms, Janie Lee Helms. D- Mr.& Mrs. L.M.Rea.
8/27/1916	R- John M. Matthews, Coy M. Kiser, Henderson Caruthers.
3/27/1917	D- Mrs. Cora Patterson Crenshaw, Green Rea.
4/22/1917	R- Mrs. Anna Grier.

5/5/1917 R- Gerald Hudson Grier, Henry Reid Coffey, James Bard Matthews, C.O.Howard,Jr.

5/6/1917 R- William Knox, Frances Knox.

5/27/1917 R- Nannie McKinney, Clara McKinney, Janie Caruthers, Anna Caruthers.

9/2/1917 R- Mr. & Mrs. A.A.Vanderburg, Mary Lee Vanderburg, Fanie Vanderburg.
D- Annie Bradford

9/13/1917 R- Williamson Wilson Kiser, William Bruce Kiser.

10/21/1917 R- Mable Rogers.

5/5/1918 R- Erskin Rea, Paul Rea, Kathleen Caruthers, Bessie Matthews, Emma Kuykendal, Mrs. Rea Caston, Miss --- Rodgers.

6/2/1918 R- Franklin Kuykendal.

9/8/1918 R- S. N. Miller, Myrtle Lee Matthews, Ola Williamson, Henry Niven, Willie Campbell, ----- Campbell, Victor Hunter.

11/3/1918 R- W.M.Carothers (sp.?). Mrs. Victor Hunter.

11/23/1918 R- Mrs. S.C.Carothers, Mrs. Ida Nesbit, Newton Nesbit.

4/7/1919 D- Mrs. Mamie Mathews Yandel.
R- Mrs. J. H. Matthews.

5/4/1919 R- Louise McKinney, Sarah Grier, Mrs. Gertrude Hatcher.
D- Bulah Bradford, Zelma Bradford.

8/31/1919 R- Mrs. Frances Miller, Martha Julia Bryant, Eudora Blakeney, Annie Lee Fincher, Neely Carothers, Harry Rodgers, John Wren Rea, Julia Kuykendal, Mary Bell Fincher, Joseph W. Ross.

9/7/1919 D- Henderson Carothers, Edmonia ------ (Blakeney/).

5/2/1920 R- John Marshal Knox, Mike Osborne Grier.

7/18/1920 D- Ruby Grier, Mrs.Charles Camp (Camp).

8/29/1920 R- Mrs. Lillie McGinn Ross, Kate Matthews (cf/above)

6/26/1921 R- Mrs. Thomas Pierce.

7/3/1921 R- Charles Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Russell, Mr.& Mrs. A.C. Russell, Blanch Russell, Eula Russell (twins).
D- Mrs. Jennie L. Helms. Alice Simpson Grier

9/3/1921	R- Annie Lee Baker.
11/6/1921	R- Mrs.Minnie Baker.
11/20/1921	R- Sarah Margret McGinnis.
4/16/1922	R- Mrs.Eleanor Gurney, Eleanor Gurney.
5/7/1922	R- John Reid.
7/16/1922	R- C.E.Porter & Minnie Lee Porter, Mr.& Mrs. J.W. Gamble. D- R. C. Cody
8/6/1922	R- Mrs. Latham Rea. D- C.C.Alexander
9/3/1922	R- Vernon Elizabeth Caldwell, Verla Lutelia Caldwell (twins), Joseph Mc-- Caldwell.
12/31/1922	R- Mr. & Mrs. J.R.Coffey.
3/4/1923	D- Miss Eleanor Gurney, H.C.Rea, D.V.M.
3/18/1923	D- Mrs.Rosa Pearce Wilson.
4/15/1923	D- Mr. & Mrs. C.E.Porter.
8/5/1923	R- Richard Grier, Willie Williamson.
10/22/1923	R- S. Virginia Lawrence.
11/18/1923	R- Margaret Kuykendal, Margaret Ema KcKinney, William Neal McKee, Lilian Green Campbell.
3/2/1924	D- Bright Kiser, Coy M. Kiser, Wilson Kiser, Williamson Kiser.
4/6/1924	R- Mrs. A.J.Yandle, Mamie Louise Helms, Annie Fay Grier, Martha Gertrude McAllister, Sarah Caskey Matthews, Roy Franklin Coffey, Houston Sloan, Albert Marshall McAllister, Margaret Virginia McAllister, Willie May McAllister, David Arnold Coffey.
5/4/1924	R- Thomas Leon Rea.
5/18/1924	D- Mattie McKinney
7/17/1924	R- John Franklin Morton, Vandelia Elizabeth Baker "received the ordinance of baptism" & "youth". D- Mrs. A.O.Parker (nee Eudora Blakeney).

8/3/1924	R- Lewis Andrew McAlister, James Nuton Yandel, John Reid McKee, Joseph Mack McKee (twins), Zeb Milton Rea, Eva Mae Helms, Mrs.Nancy Eubanks Rea. (sp.?)
3/29/1925	D- Mrs. Harry Cobb, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Carothers, Kathleen Caruthers, Neely Caruthers. (sp.?
5/2/1925	R- Margret, Kingsley Grier, Virginia Lee Porter, Caroline Porter (sp.?), Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Porter (initials ?), Eleanor Elizabeth Porter.
5/3/1925	R- Francis Watson Matthews, Ribey Lee Helms, Willie Hester Russell, Mr. & Mrs. W.M.Russell. D- Mrs. C.W.Lydic (nee Jessie Alexander).
5/17/1925	D- Mr. & Mrs. O.R. Norwood.
8/2/1925	R- Mrs. G.B.Bryant. D- Mrs. Marie (sp.?)Crews.
10/4/1925	R- Joseph Alexander McAlister.
3/21/1926	R- Mrs. Joseph Alexander McAlister, Mrs. S.J.Sloan.
5/2/1926	R- Mrs. Jennie Lin Howard.
5/16/1926	D- Mr. & Mrs. W.R.Grier.
2/1/1927	D- Mrs. Burgess Helms "and two daughters" (i.e.) Eva Ma and Ruby Lee, Mrs. Sloan Hartsell.
4/29/1927	R- Mary Bernice Caldwell, Nealy Faire Caldwell, Annie Dixon Caldwell.
8/6/1927	R- Margret Elizabeth Campbell, Mary Agnes Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudson.
8/21/1927	R- Mrs. Presly Patterson.
11/6/1927	R- Jonnie McKinney, Elisabeth Rea, David Matthews.
6/3/1928	R- Mrs. Charles Conder Russell.
12/29/1929	R- Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Ennis.
1/5/1930	R- Mr. & Mrs. Osmond Barber.
5/4/1930	R- Mildred Louise Riggins, James Oliver Hunter, Sidney Fitzgerald Grier.
10/19/1930	R- Willie Esther Russell.

11/30/1930	D- Mrs. H.Q.Alexander.
5/3/1931	R- John C. Reid,Jr., Frances Mildred Reid, Victor Hunter, Jr.
7/5/1931	R- James A. Blakeney.
9/20/1931	R- Ellen Williamson.
10/18/1931	R- Clifford Andrews.
11/1/1931	R- Paul Gilmer Andrews, Mrs. Willie J. Williamson.
4/3/1932	D- Mrs. Sarah Welch, D.M.Rea, Mrs. Kate Howie.
5/1/1932	R- Bessie Reid Grier, Caroline Kuykendal.
9/4/1932	R- Neil Baxter Russell, Murray Edward Williamson, William McClellan Russell, Dorothy Louise Williamson, Bessie Virginia Williamson, John Reid Caldwell, John Thomas Pierce, Mary Lee Pierce, Dorothy Ann Matterson, Margaret Loftin Hunter, Norma Jane Grier, Mary Elizabeth Ross. D- Howard Harrison (nee Eula Russell)
9/18/1932	R- Mrs.Nora Williamson, Mrs. P. Rea Caston, Julian Caston.
3/5/1933	R- Mrs. A.R.Knox (initials?).
3/26/1933	R- Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Culp.
5/21/1933	R- Mr. & Mrs. R.A.Stephenson, R.A.Stephenson,Jr., J.A.Stephenson, Oliver Stephenson, Charles Stephenson.
9/3/1933	R- Joseph Cole Jackman, George Hanlin Jackman, Mary A. Pearce, Gertrude E. Pearce, Neal C. Grier, Jr., Annie Louise Grier, Richard A. Hudson, Jr., Roy Wilson Hunter, William A. Harget, Mary B. Harget, Eliza Lee Harget, Mr. & Mrs. O.C.Jackman.
11/12/1933	D- Mrs. E.L.Matthews.
1/14/1934	R- Ruth Riggins.
8/5/1934	R- Judson Bryant.
1/27/1935	R- Mr. & Mrs. F.O.Martin.

2/24/1935	R- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McAlister. R- Mrs. John Knox.
3/24/1935	R- Margret Elizabeth Coffey, Mabel True Coffey, Mary Ruth Helms, Martha Rachel Helms, Lillian Martin, Jean Howie, Katherine Howard Hudson, Frankie Lucile Williamson, Zeb Rea (Jr.), Louis Lindsay Yandel.
3/31/1935	R- William Banks Downs, John Thomas Campbell, Rea Martin, Jack Shaw Hudson.
4/14/1935	R- R.A. Stephenson, Jr., Mrs. M.C. Campbell. R- Mrs. H.W. McAlister, Mrs. Burgess Helms.
4/28/1935	R- Moss Howey, Carl Howey, Miss Georgie Howey.
5/5/1935	R- Mary Neil Reid, Margaret Elizabeth Howard, John Walter Miller, Jean Elizabeth Russell, John C. Wordsworth, Mrs. John Walter Miller.
6/30/1935	R- Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Yandle.
12/28/1935	R- Mrs. John W. McAlister.
1/12/1936	R- Mr. & Mrs. John W. Miller, Dorothy Lillian Miller.
3/29/1936	R- Minnie Downs Helms, Burgess H. Helms (Jr.)
5/3/1936	R- Robert Martin, Frances Mundle, Christine Carter, James Delaney, Billy Delaney, Virginia Rea, Inez Pearce, Pat Caldwell.
6/14/1936	R- J.W. McAlister.
6/28/1936	R- Mr. & Mrs. David Rea, Mary Sue Rea, Emily Rea.
7/31/1936	R- Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Bingham Capel, Fred Capel, Virginia Rose Capel, Mr. & Mrs. Harrison Banks Helms (nee Jessie Lee------), Neely Reid Matthews, William Eugene Moss.
8/1/1936	R- Charles Max Capel, John Elmore Matthews, Juanita Grace Jackman, Rachel Jackman, Irwin Warren Caldwell.
8/30/1936	R- James Nathan Rea, John Edwin Rea.
11/29/1936	R- Mrs.------Morton.
2/28/1937	R- Roy Franklin Coffey, Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Ennis.

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REGISTER OF BAPTISMS AS FOUND IN RECORDS OF MINUTES AND IN THE LISTS. INFORMATION FREQUENTLY INCOMPLETE. bn - born, bd - bapt. n.d. - no date, n.n. - no name.

Jessie Bell Alexander of H.Q. & A. bn 2/9/1893 bd 5/6/1893

Henry M. Alexander of H.Q. bn 7/6/1894 bd n.d.

Thomas R. Alexander of H.Q. & A. bd n.d.

Dwight Moody Alexander of H.Q. & A. bn 11/11/ bd n.d.

Frances M. Alexander of H.Q. & A. bd 4/3/1904 or 4/30/1904

Martha Jeanette Alexander of H.Q. & A. bd n.d.

Joseph Kell Alexander of H.Q. & A. bd 3/4/1906

Mary Johnston Alexander of H.Q. & n.n. bn 12/1/1908 bd 11/14/1909 or 5/14/1909

Ruth Brinkly Alexander of H.Q. & Ethel bn 3/22/1910 bd 7/21/1910

Ethel Alexander (M.Evelene) of H.Q. & Ethel bn 4/14/1912 bd 6/4/1912

Margaret Nearce Alexander of H.Q. & Ethel bd n.d.

Alice Etholyn Alexander of H.Q. & Ethel bd n.d.

Quincie Alexander of H.Q. & Ethel bd n.d.

Annie Marie Alexander of H.Q. & Ethel bd 8/2/1896

David C. Alexander of Dwight M. & Vernon bn 3/28/ bd n.d.

Paul G. Barber (Jr.) of Paul G. & Glenn bn 7/25 bd 10/30/1944

Stephen Barber of Paul G. & Glenn bn 7/6 bd 10/30/1944

Effie Bass of Jasper bn 12/1/1879 bd 4/5/1893

William G. Bass of Jasper bn 3/15/1881 bd 4/5/1893 (?)

Margaret Bell Bass of Jasper bn 9/30/1882 bd 4/5/1893

Martha E. Bass of Samuel bn 3/30/1881 bd 4/5/1893

Lillie Bass of Jasper bn 3/2/1884 bd 4/5/1893

John B. Bass of Jasper bn 3/2/1886 bd 4/5/1893

Walter Henderson Bass of Samuel W. & W.H. bd 8/2/1896

Effie Jenina Bass of William G. bd 7/16/1904

Frances Blakeney of James & Billie bn 7/6/ bd n.d.

Margaret Torlin Blakeney of James & Billie bn 7/30 bd 3/10/1946

James A. Blakeney (Jr.) of James & Billie bn 5/20 bd 4/9/1950

Martha Julia Bryant of Badger & Bula bd 3/17/1907

George Badger Bryant (Jr.) of Badger & Bula bn 5/12/1911 bd 7/23/1911

Henry E. Bryant of Badger & Bula bn 12/3/1915 bd 7/9/1916

William A. Campbell of Will & Mary bn 5/13/1904 bd 4/5/1893

Raymond M. Campbell of Will & Mary bn 5/15/1888 bd 4/5/1893

John Thomas Campbell of n.n. bd 4/5/1893

Lillian G. Campbell of n.n. bd n.d. (?)

Franklin Monroe Campbell of n.n. bd 4/5/1893

Annie Lee Campbell of Will & Mary bn 10/13/1891 bd 4/5/1893

Grace Irwin Campbell of Henry & Betty bn 9/26 bd 3/24/1938

Henry Shannon Campbell of n.n. bn 9/27 bd 3/28/1942

Dana Louise Campbell of Oscar bn 4/21/ bd 2/24/1945

Ruth Jane Caston of Paul & Pearl bd 8/15/1937

Helen Thornbury Caston of Paul & Pearl bd 8/15/1937

Joseph Carl Chandler bn 11/23/ bd 10/5/1947

Albert Gulledge Chandler of J.C. & J.A. bn 1/20/ bd 10/5/1947

Virginia Lee Chandler of J.C. & J.A. bn 7/12/ bd 10/5/1947

David Samuel Coffey (Jr.) of J.D. & M. bn 6/30/1891 bd 3/20/1892

John Reese Coffey of J.D. & Mattie bd 11/5/1892

Franklin Downs Coffey of J.B. & M. bn 12/12/1894 bd 7/7/1895

Henry Reid Coffey of J.B. & Nettie bd 6/4/1905

James Howard Coffey bd 3/24/1935

Betty Louise Coffey bd 3/24/1935

Eliza Price Conder of Will and Melissa bn 8/10/1910 bd 9/10/1911

Charlotte Cloud Carson of C.C. bd 9/9/1911 (?)

James Louis Clark of W.A. & E. bd 3/10/1946

Shirley Delores Dilling bd 3/24/1946

Franklin E. Dilling bd 10/26/1947

David James Delaney bd 10/5/1925
of Luke & Mary

William Wallace Delaney bd 10/5/1925
of Luke & Mary

William B. Downs of W.R. & Faire bn 1[illegible]/5/ bd 5/2/1925

Franklin Lyle Downs of W.R. & Faire bn 8/18 bd 5/5/1930

Nattie Gordon bd 8/6/1896

Jennie Gordon bd 8/21/1896

Carrie Inez Gardner of W.J. & T.J. bn 4/6/1892 bd 10/15/1893

Winiford Davis Grier of S.L. & Mollie bd 5/29/1892

Julius Robert Grier of S.R. & Mollie bn 9/6/1892 bd 5/6/1893

Ida Christine Grier of S.R. & Mollie bn 4/5/1894 bd 5/5/1895

Thad Bonner Grier (Jr.) of n.n. bd 9/5/1905

Sarah Grier of Sid & Ethel bn 6/4/1908 bd 8/14/1909 or 8/13/1909

Martha Elizabeth Grier of n.n. bd 9/2/1917

Mannie Louise Grier of n.n. bd 8/3/1924

Benjamin Franklin Grier of n.n. bd 8/3/1924

Vernon G. Grier of J.T. & J.D. bd 8/22/1895

Sidney E. Grier bd 7/30/1877 (?)

Gerald Hudson Grier of Sid & Ethel bn 11/26/1907 bd 8/15/1907

Michael Osborne Grier of Sid & Ethel bn /4/1910 bd 12/5/1911

Richard Alexander Grier of Sid & Ethel bn 9/29/1912 bd 6/19/1915

Margaret Kingsley Grier of Sid & Ethel bn 11/21/1914 bd 6/19/1915

Martha Elizabeth Grier of Will bd 9/2/1917

Neil Clinton Grier of Neil & Martha bd 11/1/1919

S. Fitzgerald Grier of Sid & Ethel bn 8/15/1918 bd n.d.

William Grier of Neil & M bd 8/28/1921

Mamie Louise Grier of Neil & M 8/3/1924

Benjamin Franklin Grier of Neil & M bd 8/3/1924 or 4/29/1945

Norma Jane Grier of Joe & Annie bn 10/23 bd 8/6/1927

Bess Reid Grier of Joe & Annie bn 4/18 bd 8/6/1927

Thomas Neil Grier bn 5/9/ bd 8/9/1942

Eddie Reid Grier bd 3/11/1945

James Pearson Grier bd 3/11/1945

Sara Ellen Grier bd 3/11/1945

Betty Anne Grier bd 3/11/1945

Shirley Marion Grier bn 8/19/ bd 3/10/1946

Nancy Hudson Grier of G.M. & Florence bn 9/16/1945 bd 6/27/1946

Willie Reid Grier of Will & Willie May bn 11/10/1914 bd 3/21/1915 (?)

Alice Rea Grier of Neil G. (Jr.) & Caroline bd 4/9/1950

Van Lee Harget of W.M. & E. bn 5/19/1890 bd 5/6/1893

Sally (Sarah) Matilda Harget of W.M. & E bn 10/11/1892 bd 5/6/1893

Eliza Lee Harget of Van Lee bd 9/3/1933

Mary Belle Harget of Van Lee bd 9/3/1933

Mary M. Morris of R.D. bn 10/3/1917 bd 7/21/1918

Walter Banks Helms of Cap & Martha bd 6/22/1895

Marshal Brunner Helms of n.n. bd 7/16/1904

Phoebe Anna Helms of Cap & Martha A. bn 6/6/1900 bd 9/12/1906

Ruby Lee Helms of n.n. bd 8/1/1920

Mary Ruth Helms of B.H. bd 8/1/1920

Martha Rachel Helms of B.H. bd 8/1/1920

Crealy McLean Helms of Burgess & Lucy bn /4/1906 bd 9/12/1906

Frances Anne Hrabanek of Henry & Dorothy bn 5/23/1943 bd 7/12/1943

Charlton Oliver Howard, (Jr.) of C.O. & Ada bn 6/5/ bd n.d.

Margaret Elizabeth Howard of C.O. & Jennie Lind bn 9/11/1925 (1)
bd 5/21/1927 (1)

Charlton Oliver Howard, 3rd. of C.O. & Jennie Lind bd 5/5/1930

Katherine Howard Hudson of R.A. & Hilda bn 5/5/ bd 1/24/1935

Sally Loftin Hudson of R.A. & Hilda bn 6/23/ bd 8/15/1937

James Oliver Hunter of Victor & Martha bn 2/12/ bd 5/10/1[illegible]

Victor S. Hunter, Jr. of Victor & Martha bn 3/31 bd 5/4/1910

Margaret Loftin Hunter of Victor & Martha bd 9/2/1923

Betsy Carr Hunter of Victor & Martha bn 11/22/ bd 4/15/193[illegible]

Joan Marie Ketchie of W.M. & R.J. bn 10/9/194[illegible] bd 7/12/1943

Joyce Patricia Ketchie of George Meyer & Rachel bn 3/27/1943
bd 7/12/1943

Donald G. Kiser of R.L. & Ellen bn 6/5/193[illegible] bd 11/9/1941

John Marshal Knox of Lester & Lydia bn 1/5/1910 bd 1/12/1910
or 6/12/1910

Lester Sample Knox of Lester & Lydia bd n.d.

William McKee Knox of Lester & Lydia bd n.d.

Frances Isabella Knox of Lester & Lydia bn 8/22/1906 bd 3/2/1907

Willie Elizabeth Kuykendal of W.F. & Fannie bd 5/6/1903

Evan Harris Kuykendal of W.F. & Fannie bn 9/30/1907 bd 5/8/1908 or 5/9/1908

Franklin Banks Kuykendall (Jr.) of W.F. & Carrie bd n.d.

Julia Rea Kuykendal of Banks & Carrie bn 10/23/1909 bd 4/30/1910

Margaret Ku kendal of Banks & Carrie bd 1/4/1914

Caroline Kuykendal of Banks & Carrie bd 11/1/1919

Sarah Margaret McKinnis of Frank & Julia bn 11/7/1908 bd 4/30/1910

William Neal McKee, (Jr.) bn /14/1909 bd 8/15/1909

Joseph Mark McKee bn 1/17/1911 bd 9/10/1911

John Reid McKee bn 1/17/1911 bd 9/10/1911

Adelaide Marie McKinney bd 5/3/1902

Mealey Rose McKinney bn 5/25/ bd 9/2/1900
of John & Lizzie

Clara May McKinney bn 10/27/1903 bd 4/30/1904

Louise McKinney bd 5/4/1919

Margaret Ann McKinney bn 7/14/1910 bd 5/6/1911

Anne Elizabeth McKinney bd 5/25/1907

Robert McKinney bd 8/8/1940

Mrs. Robert McKinney (Mildred) bd 8/8/1940

Tarwo Franklin McKinney bd 8/8/1940

William Wallace Matthews of W.W.Stitt & Willie bd / /1895

James Burd Matthews of S.W. & F. bd 5/3/1903

Lyde Elizabeth Matthews bn 1/30 bd 6/2/1906

Jane Kate Matthews of Watson & Fannie bn 10/23/1906 bd 5/15/1908

John M. Matthews of S.W. & F bn 5/26/ bd 5/3/1903

Bess Prusilla Matthews of S.W. & F bn 3/10/ bd 9/25/1908

Sarah Gidney Matthews of Watson & Family bd 1/4/1911

Frances Watson Matthews of Watson & Family bn 5/12/1913 bd 6/19/1915

David McC. Matthews of Watson & Family bd 9/2/1917

Neely Reid Matthews of J.Hunter bd 5/19/1920

John Wilmore Matthews of J.Hunter bn 9/22/ bd 5/4/1919

Mary Lee Matthews of S.W. & M (?) bn 7/31/1893 (?) bd 7/9/1906 or 7/30/1906

William Giles Matthews of S.W. & F.J. bn 5/31/1897 bd 7/30/1907

Frederick Overstreet Matthews of L.W. & L.L. bn 9/9/1921 bd 7/30/1927

Margaret McC. Matthews of L.W. & E.L. bn 10/11/1923 bd 7/30/1927

James Thomas Matthews of L.W. & E.L. bn 8/23/1925 bd 7/30/1927

Ella Pauline Matthews of L.W. & E.L. bn 8/1/1927 bd 7/30/1927

Ronald Lee Matthews of L.W. & E.L. bn 5/15/1927 bd 7/30/1927

Ted Tod Matthews of L.W. & E.L. bn 5/20/1923 bd 7/30/1927

Marsh Dwight Matthews of L.W. & E.L. bn 8/23/1926 bd 7/30/1927

William Mellup Matthews bd 5/4/1902

Henry Berlin Matthews of S.W. & F bd 4/30/1904

Kirk McLean Matthews of S.W. bn 4/6/1900 bd 8/22/1902

Verna Jewel Matthews bn 4/21/1902 bd 8/22/1902

Holland Quincy Matthews of S.W. bn 8/13/1904 bd 8/22/1906

June Katherine Matthews bn 10/3/1908 bd 5/ /1909

Dorothy Anne Matthews of J.Hunter bd 6/17/1930

Henry Dell Matthews of W.H. & Family bd 8/6/1904

Oliver Beard Matthews of J.Hunter bd 6/17/1933

Evelyn Lee Matthews bd 9/7/1941 or 6/10/1941

Jerle Ann Matthews bd 9/7/1941 or 6/10/1941

Clarke Matthews bd 9/7/1941 or 8/10/1941

Woodrow L. Matthews bd 9/14/1941 or 8/10/1941

Edna Janet Matthews (Mrs.W.L.M.) bd 9/14/1941 or 8/10/1941

Sarah Ann Mahinney (Mrs.Clarke M.) bd 9/7/1941

Sadie Cornelia Matthews bd 9/7/1941

Calvin Reid Matthews bd 9/7/1941

Sarah Lou Matthews bd 9/7/1941

Martha Louise Matthews bd 9/7/1941

Marva Jane Matthews bd 9/7/1941

Woodrow Wilson Matthews of W.S. & M.S. bn 1/10/1931 bd 11/9/1941

Charles Reid Matthews bd 10/20/1947

Gene Willey Matthews of J.M. & Louise bn 5/1/1942 bd 9/9/1945

Minnie Evelyn Moore bn 6/22/1930 bd 2/22/1943

Martha Louise Moore bn 4/13/1934 bd 4/22/1946

Vandolia Elizabeth Baker (Mrs.J.Moore) bd 7/17/1924 (?)

Margaret Miller (Mrs/Victor Fincher) bd 6/21/1938

Mae Miller (Mrs/ Sam Fincher) bd 6/21/1938

Walter John Miller bd 5/5/1943

William L. Miller bd 9/28/1941 or 8/10/1941

Henry Downs Hiven bn 11/1/1906 bd 3/14/1966
of J. & T.

Annie Lee Patterson of Mr. & Julia bn 10/1/1891 d. 8/1/1934 or 8/10/1934

Nora Elizabeth Patterson bn 3/..../18..
(Flora)

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Rose Lee Pearce of John & Addie bn 10/4/1911 bd 4/5/1973

Mary Belle Pearce of J.D. & Addie bd 6/16/1934 (?)

Jessie Jane Pierce of J.D. & Addie bd 3/31/1936 (?)

Mary Adelaide Pearce of J.T. bn 3/31/ bd n.d.

Gertrude E. Pearce of J.T. bn 2/16 bd n.d.

James Herbert Pearce of J.F. & Maggie bn 1892 bn 9/20/1893

Leonidas David Pearce of J.F. & Maggie bd 9/2/1900

Mary Jane Pearce of J.F. & Maggie bd 9/2/1900

Fannie Alexander Pearce of J.D. & Addie bn 1898 bd 2/10/1901

Justus Herbert Pearce bd n.d.

James Edgar Porter of Lee bd 9/25/1911

Jeanne Wren Porter bd n.d.

Pinckney Caldwell Rea bd 8/22/1895

Hugh Calvin Rea of Green & Bell bd 11/5/1892

David M. Rea of Jas.M. & T. bn 3/26/1874 bd 9/14/1874

James Lathan Rea of J.L.(Jr.) bn 7/8/1897 bd 2/8/1898

Hazel Hamet Rea of J.L. (Jr.) bn 5/21/1899 bd 10/7/1900

Paul Y. Rea of J.L. & Maggie bd 7/12/1914

John Wren Rea of J.L. & Maggie bn 1909 bd 4/30/1910

Zeb Milton Rea of M.G.L. & Belle bn 8/26/1896 bd 7/30/1897

Zeb Milton Rea, (Jr.) of Zeb & Nancy bd 11/18/1923

James M. Rea of J.L. & Sarah Elizabeth bd 2/4/1898

Wyman Reid Rea of M.G.L. Bell bn 7/1/1897 bd 11/9/1899

Green Moffat Rea of Green & Bell bn 11/15/1893 bd 8/4/1894

Harris(Green)Lee Rea bn 10/29/ bd 8/15/1896
of Zeb & Nancy

Thomas Dubanks Rea of Zeb & Nancy bn 2/24/1923 bd 4/24/1927

Hugh Calvin Rea of Kelvin & Flora bd 4/ 4/1929

Lee Mack Rea of McLees & Bessie bn 1/13/ bd 4/21/1931

Joseph Erskine Rea of Erskine & Bill N. bd 7/30/1931

Willie L. Rea of Zob & Nancy bn 3/26/1936 bd 4/9/1950

John Rea of Zob & Nancy bn 3/26/1936 bd n.d.

Judith B. Rea of Zob & Nancy bn 8/7/1937 bd 4/9/1950

Calvin Lee Reid of John C. & Dorryce bn n.d. bd 4/17/1949

Mildred Louise Riggins of Ross & Lydia bd 11/5/1916

Ruth Kingsley Riggins of Ross & Lydia bd n.d.

John Patterson Ross of Clarence & Martha bd 8/7/1892

Julia McLees Ross of Clarence & Martha bd 8/7/1892

Willie Rea Ross of Clarence & Martha bd 8/7/1892

James Howell Ross of Clarence & Martha bd 8/7/1892

Louis D. Ross of Clarence & Martha bd 8/7/1892

Lester Green Ross of Clarence & Martha bn 6/20/1893
bd 10/15/1893

Alvah Barber Ross of W.M. & Sallie bn 7/10/1893
bd 11/18/1893

Carrie Ellen Ross bd 2/18/1894

Eugene Siler Ross of W.M. & Sallie bn 6/19/1895 bd 10/20/1895

Osie Elizabeth Ross of [illegible] & S.H. bn 1/8/1897 bd 5/30/1897
or 5/30/1898

Mabel Emmaline Ross of W.M. & Sallie bn 7/25/1898 bd 8/5/1899

Mary Elizabeth Ross of Joe & Lillie bn 2/3/1922 bd 3/22/1922

William Eugene Ross of Joe & Lillie bn 6/4/1925 bd n.d.

Robert Dickey Ross of Joe & Lillie bn 9/17/1929 bd n.d.

Edward Caldwell Russell of E.G. & Grace bd 5/ /1925

Dorothy Louise Russell of Chas. & Eliz. G. bn 11/6/1927
bd 6/3/1928

Charles Cecil Russell of Chas. & Eliz.G. bd 5/5/1930

Leon McDowell Siler of J.M. bn 1/11/1892 bd 1/22/1893

Mary Louise Siler of J.W. bn 10/26/1894 bd / /1895

David Rea Stewart of O.W. & Emalyn bn 3/30 bd 12/25/1949

William G. Williamson bn 7/10/1878 bd 8/22/1894 (?)

Mrs. Dorcas Williamson bd 8/21/1898

Minnie Williamson bd 8/21/1898

Joseph A. Williamson of W. & Dorcas bn 8/10/1882 bd 8/21/1898

John Lillington Williamson of W. & D bn 4/30/1886 bd 8/21/1898

Margaret Lavinia Williamson of W. & D bn 5/12/1888 bd 8/21/1898

James Richard Williamson of W & D bn 5/21/1892 bd 8/21/1898

Henry Downs Williamson of W & D bn 7/22/1893 bd 8/21/1898

Frank Rea Williamson of W & D bn 8/25/1895 bd 8/21/1898

Lona Mae Williamson of W & D bn 8/25/1897 bd 8/21/1898

Willie G. Williamson of W.G. & Nora bd n.d.

Charles Reid Williamson of Willie & Margaret bn 2/2/1928
bd 3/24/1935

Earl MacDonald Williamson of Willie & Margaret bn 3/6/1931
bd 3/24/1935

Jack Norman Williamson of W.G. & Nora bd 9/9/1940 or 8/11/1940

James N. Yandle, (Jr.) of J.N. & Edith bd ~~mrk~~ 12/20/1912

Ruby Yandell (Yandle) of James & Fannie bn 2/29/1920 bd 1/5/1921

~~Willie Alexander Yandell of J.N. & Edith bn 7/25/18~~

Supplemental (1951)

Sue Faith Elson of Col. Hallett D. & Faith bd 8/26/1951

Daniel Varney of Col. Hallett D. & Faith bd 8/26/1951

Kathryn Alice Massey of Robt. & Alice bd. 6/21/1951

Joyce Ellen Reid of John C., Jr., & Berryce bd. 3/25/1951

James Ostenson Jackman of Joe and Ruth bd. 3/25/1951

Barbara Elizabeth Norsey of Winchester & June bd. 3/25/1951

Mary Ellen Barber of Paul and Gloma bd. 10/30/1949

Marcia Urabanek of Henry and Dorothy Anne bd. 12/3/1950

William H. Bissell, Jr., of William and Margaret bn. 6/3/1950
bd. 12/24/1950

Cynthia Lee Stewart of Olin V. and Evelyn bn. 2/17/1950
bd. 12/24/1950

Mary Frances Rogers of Frank and Frances bn. 7/19/1950
bd. 12/24/1950

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EXCERPTS FROM TYPEWRITTEN MINUTES SIGNED BY F. B. KUYKENDAL, CLERK OF SESSION.

" May 2, 1937. —— Moderator, Rev. E. V. Wiley. Present elders Howard, McKee, McKinney, Jackman, Patterson, Rea, Barber and Kuykendal. Upon request of Rev. J. M. Murray - Carl Houle was dismissed to Banner Elk Pres. Church ——. (Baltimore).

" July 10, 1937. ——The deacons meeting jointly were represented by Grier, Hudson, Stephenson, and Ross. After some discussion a committee composed of elder Patterson, and deacons Hudson and Stephenson with the Pastor, was named to work out details for organizing the men of the church, somewhat similar to the Men's Club of several months ago.

" Inquiry was made as to progress of enlargement of the cemetery and survey of the church property. The purpose to make a map of cemetery designating each grave as family plot was emphasized by the Pastor. Mr. Rea was named to make inquiry as to marking certain graves of historical and churchly interest. ——".

"July 25, 1937. ——Decision was made to have Dr. Young of Central Steel Creek Church conduct a series of services featuring our Book of Church Order, this to begin 2nd Sunday of August and continue for one week. ——".

" October 10, 1937. ——Motion was offered and passed authorizing representatives at Presbytery to make inquiry of Home Missions Comm., if they could or would lend aid towards operating a bus for helping people to church who have no means of conveyance.——".

" Feb. 27, 1938. —— Purpose of the meeting was selection of Sunday-School Superintendent and assistant. After nominations were closed vote was had and choice of Mr. J. H. Ross prevailed. Following the same method choice of Mr. Burress M. Walker for assistant was made.——".

" Oct. 9, 1938. ——The appointment of Joe M. McKee to succeed W. M. Russell as Sec.-Treas. of the Sunday School was confirmed. ——". A proposal in process for something to convey to heirs of S. W. Matthews estate the title to a small strip of land between the old road and the new - in consideration for confirmation of the church's title to another plot south of the cemetery was given approval ".

"March 26, 1939. ——Mr. Joe W. Ross, Superintendent of Sunday School; Mr. Burgess M. Helms, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School; and Joe M. McKee, Secretary and Treasurer, were reappointed to their respective positions for the year beginning April 1, 1939.——".

Jan. 21, 1940. ——A motion was made and passed that the pastor place with each elder a list of names of members to be visited by the elder having the list.——".

"Feb.11, 1940.——The moderator announced the meeting ready for election of officers for Sunday School. In response, Mr. James Blakeney was nominated for the superintendent, Mr. Badger Bryant as assistant, and Joe McKee as secretary-treasurer. The election of these nominees was unanimous.——".

"Feb. 25, 1940.——Mr. James Blakeney ——requested the session to release him. The session complied with his request and elected Mr. Badger Bryant as the superintendent, with Mr. Lindsay Ennis as assistant, for the year beginning April 1, 1940.——".

"March 17, 1940.——Mr. Joe W. Ross appeared and presented the following letter:

March 17, 1940

To the Session of Providence P. Church -

For a number of years I have been opposed to officers of our church holding office for life. It is my belief that this system is not for the best interest and greater growth of the church. Therefore, I am requesting the session of this, my church, to relieve me of active duty as an officer and place me on the inactive list.

Said request to become effective March 31, 1940.

In the years to come, should the Rotary System be adopted by our church, and it should become the will of the congregation that I serve again as an officer, I would be glad to do so.

J. W. Ross
Member of Board of Deacons" ——".

"May 25, 1941. ——Mr. Wiley explained that when the present pulpit chairs were donated by Mrs. Kitty Howard White it was stipulated that the old chairs should be given to the Negro Presbyterian church located near Marvin; and also Mrs. Ethel Grier, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, requested that the old pulpit settee be placed at the disposal of Miss Minnie Downs. The session voted to comply with each of these requests.——".

"July 13, 1941. ——Rev. E.V.Wiley and C.O.Howard with the former Supply Pastor J.G.Garth were named a committee to prepare a memorial in respect to the memory of our deceased brother, W. M. Ross. ——".

"July 27,1941. ——The session, having deferred any action for over a year, voted unanimously though reluctantly to comply with Mr. Ross's request.——". (cf. minute of March 17, 1940 -M.D.H.)

"August 10,1941.——The session authorized the appointment by the moderator of a local church committee of national defense to be active in the welfare of any who go out from the church or community and especially those enlisted in the military service.——".

"March 22, 1942. ——The committee of Elders Patterson and Jackman reported that the nominees, Mr. Henry Niven and Mr. John Matthews for Sunday School Superintendent and assistant, respectively, would be unable to serve. In confidence that the following named would serve, the session now elected Mr. Lindsay Ennis as Superintendent, Billy Downs Assistant Superintendent, Joe McKee Secretary-Treasurer, and John Knox Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

"In arranging for the customary service on the first Sunday of May, decision was made to invite Dr. J. G. Garth to assist with the morning service, with emphasis on the church's history through its one hundred and seventy-five years. For the afternoon service, desire was expressed to have Doctor Alexander of the First Church, Charlotte.——".

" Memorial To W. M. Ross "

The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church desires to inscribe on its minutes a memorial to W. M. Ross, an elder of the church and clerk of the session for forty-nine years, who died at his home June 4, 1941, at the age of eighty-two years.

Mr. Ross was born in Mecklenburg county in the house in which he died and had lived all his life, on February 15, 1859. He was the son of Joseph Clarke Ross and Jane Oliver Ross. Joseph Clarke Ross served as clerk of Providence for a number of years.

W. M. Ross became a member of Providence in his youth, and his life was marked by his faithful devotion to Christ and to His Church, by his attendance on the services, and by his faithful performance of any duty placed upon him by the church and his pastor. He set a signal example of Christian devotion, and by his daily walk and conversation offered a pattern of Christian living which inspired the whole church and community. He was loyal and true in all life's relations, as elder, husband, father, neighbor and citizen.

W. M. Ross was married on January 17, 1883, to Miss Sallie Grier and God gave to this union two daughters and four sons. These children were Elma E. Ross, Joseph H. Ross, Alva L. Ross, Virgie Ellen

Ross, Mabel Ross and Richard D. Ross. Of those, four survive as well as their mother. Eugene was a soldier in the United States Army and died during the first World War. Mabel died in infancy.

Besides his activities as an elder and churchman, W. M. Ross took an interest in public affairs. His farm was always a model for the community. He served on the Mecklenburg County Board of Education from 1904 to 1906. He was a county commissioner from 1920 to 1930.

We, the Session, adopt this memorial and order that it be spread on the minutes of session of Providence Presbyterian Church.

Adopted Sunday, May 3, 1942, the 175th. anniversary of the founding of Providence Presbyterian Church in 1767, A.D.

(This memorial was written at our request by Rev. J. G. Garth, supply minister 1929 - 1933)

"May 31, 1942. ——The session now voted to add two additional members to the Cemetery Committee already in existence. Mrs. J. C. Reid of the Women's Auxiliary and Elder Kuykendal of the session were named as these members.——".

"June 14, 1942.—— The moderator read a communication from Miss Ruth Kuykendal tendering her resignation as pianist for the church. The session, with reluctance, finally accepted this resignation.——"

"Sept.13, 1942.——" A committee composed of Rev. E. V. Wiley and Elders McKee and Kuykendal was named to prepare suitable resolution in respect to the memory of Elder C. O. Howard, whose death occurred recently.——".

"Oct.11, 1942.——After opening with prayer, Mrs. Paul Rea and Mr. Billy Downs came in and presented to the church a service flag having a star thereon for each member of the church now with the armed forces. This flag was the gift of Mrs. Frances Matthews Pettus. The session accepted this gift with expressions of appreciation.——".

"March 21, 1943. ——Miss Dorothy Ann Patterson was elected to serve as pianist, with Miss Ruth Kuykendal as assistant, together with the present members of the Music Committee.——".

"May 23, 1943.——— Since it is common knowledge that the Sunday School, as held in the church, is cramped for room, the session appointed a committee, composed of Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Embree, Mrs. Hunter, G. D. Bryant, B. M. Helms, F. D. Kuykendal, and Mr. Wiley, to make a report as to the possibility of finishing the educational building at this time so that it could be used by the Sunday School.——".

"Feb. 13, 1944.——— Also at this time Mr. Badger Bryant was reelected Superintendent of the Sunday School, with L. M. Rea as assistant; Joe McKee as Secretary-Treasurer with John Knox as assistant.———".

"March 12,1944.———(Homecoming)—Mr. Wiley suggested the possibility of getting Doctor Lingle of Davidson College for the morning service and Dr. Jones of Myers Park Presbyterian Church for the afternoon——. Also motion was adopted asking the Penetti choir to be present. Any other detail in regard to music music was left with the pastor and the Music Committee.——".

"April 9, 1944.———"The pastor with Mr.McKee and Mr.McKinney were named a committee to prepare a memorial in regard to Elder Osmond Barber whose death occurred recently. Also in regard to Deacon S. F. Grier whom we lost about the same time, a similar committee consisting of the Pastor with Deacons Blakeney and McGinnis was asked to draft resolutions to his memory,———".

"Resolutions of the officers of the Providence Presbyterian Church in memory of Mr. Sidney Fitzgerald Grier.

Mr. Sydney Fitzgerald Grier, a native of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, was born June 8, 1879 the son of the late Jule and Virginia Vale Grier, and died February 23d. 1944.

Early in life he became a member of the Providence Presbyterian Church. In 1917 he was elected and ordained to the office of deacon. In 1920 he was elected chairman of the Diaconate and served for many years in that capacity.

Mr. Grier was ever alert to those things which pertained to the good of the Church. Especially was he most faithful in looking after the church property. The church is greatly indebted to him for his faithfulness and foresight and judgment in financial matters.

Whereas, God in His love and wisdom has called from a life of loyal service, to His heavenly abode our beloved brother and

co-laborer, Mr. Sydney Fitzgerald Grier and

Whereas, the officers of the Providence Presbyterian Church feel a great loss at his passing, he having rendered the church long and loyal service as a member of the Diaconate.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. We make special record of our appreciation of his services to his church and to his God; of our sorrow and sense of bereavement at his passing and of our deep sympathy to the members of his family.

2. A copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and that a page be set apart in the sessional records as a memorial to him and that these resolutions be recorded therein.

(Signed) Committee:
John M. McGinnis, J. A. Blakeney, M. V. Wiley.

Adopted at the joint meeting of the Session and Diaconate of the Providence Presbyterian Church, April 30, 1944.

(Signed) Clerk of Session
F. B. Kirkendal

"Resolutions of the Session of the Providence Presbyterian Church in memory of Mr. Osmond Barber.

Mr. Osmond Barber, a native of Lancaster, S.C., was born January 13, 1876, the son of the late Turner and Trythosia T. Barber. He attended the old Kell and Thomason Schools, and was a graduate of the Rutherfordton Military Academy.

Mr. Barber joined the Banks Presbyterian Church early in life. Later he moved his membership to the Unity Presbyterian Church at Fort Mill, S.C., and was soon elected one of the deacons in that church. Later he was elected an elder and served in that capacity until he moved his membership to the Providence Presbyterian Church. In 1936 he was elected to active office as elder and served in a most faithful way, representing the church at Presbytery and Synod a number of times, until his death February 22nd, 1944.

Mr. Barber was a most faithful attendant upon divine services. He took part in the administration of the Sunday School, serving as an officer from time to time.

Whereas, Godin His infinite wisdom has called from a life of faithful service to his heavenly home our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, Mr. Osmond Barber and

Whereas, the Session of the Providence Presbyterian Church feels a great loss at his passing, he having rendered the church long and faithful service as an officer of the Church and Sunday School.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. We make record of our appreciation of his services to his Church and to his God; of our sorrow and sense of bereavement at his passing and of our deep sympathy to the members of his family.

2. A copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and that a page be set apart in the sessional records as a memorial to him and that these resolutions be recorded therein.

(Signed) Committee:
J. W. McKinney, W. H. McKee, E. V. Miley

Adopted by the Session of the Providence Presbyterian Church, April 30, 1944.

(Signed) Clerk of Session:

F. E. Rutherdal.

"Sept. 24, 1944.———" The question of certain games and forms of diversion in which the young people might engage was left with the pastor and adult advisor.——".

"Jan. 21, 1945.———The session made call for a congregational meeting after preaching on Sunday, Feb. 25 for adoption of this budget (referred to in minute -M.D.M.) and also for the election of three additional elders and additional deacons to maintain the present number.——".

"March 18, 1945.———Of the elders-elect were R. A. Stephenson, James A. Mickeney, and Neil C. Grier. Of the deacons-elect were H. H. McKee, Jr., John M. Matthews, and Lester C. Harper.—".

"April 8,1945.——— (above-named present - having been O. A. I)

"Feb. 10,1946.———In response to the inquiry from the Board of Deacons as to selling the present manse with some land, the session made reply that they would object to selling any church

property at this time, but that when plans are drawn for the new manse and a site can be found as suitable for its location as that of the old manse, then further consideration would be given to selling the old manse property.——".

" In regard to the death of David M. Matthews while on duty in Germany, resolutions of sympathy for Mrs. Matthews and immediate members of the family were adopted. Elders Blakeney and Stephenson were requested to convey this expression.——".

"October 13, 1946.——The session now recessed until the afternoon for a joint meeting of the elders and deacons. At this meeting, after much discussion, and not altogether unanimous, it was decided to have four committees: one in charge of spiritual life and evangelism, a second one in charge of missionary affairs, the third to be Stewardship Committee, and the fourth to be known as Educational Committee.

"In this connection it was decided that the Library now sponsored by the young people's organization should be known as the David Matthews Memorial Library, and that the Educational Committee should have oversight thereof. ——".

"Nov.17, 1946.——The session listened with much regret to a report of the loss by fire this morning of the home and furnishings of Mr. R. A. Hudson, one of the deacons of Providence Church.——".

"Feb.9, 1947.——The session made call for a congregational meeting after preaching on February 23rd. The designated purpose of the meeting is to hear and approve, if the way be clear, the proposed budget for the church year 1947. Also, to elect one additional elder and two additional deacons.——.

"March 9, 1947. ——Present also were deacons-elect John M. Knox and Burgess M. Helms, who signified their willingness to serve and also answered affirmatively the questions as to their disposition. Mr. Hanks, elder-elect, who has previously been ordained, signified by message his readiness to serve.——.

"After the worship ——The furnace committee, U. H. Helms, Jr., John M. Matthews, and John M. McDaniel, made report——— ".

"March 23,1947.——The session re-elected Mr. Hanks Superintendent of the Sunday School, John C. Reid,Jr., Assistant, John M. Knox Secretary - Treasurer, with John M. Matthews Assistant. After the morning service, joining with the deacons, a request from Mr. Oliver Howard was heard to be relieved of

the duties of treasurer. Motion to accept his resignation carried. This with appreciation of his service in this capacity for the past fifteen years. As successor to Mr. Lovard, the officers elected Elder H. C. Grier, effective at the beginning of the 1947 church year.——".

"April 6,1947.——(In addition to Sunday School officers named in minute of March 23, 1947 - the following teachers-)

"Mrs. L. M. Rea, Mr. J. A. Blakeney, Mr. W. N. McKee, Jr., Miss Minnie Downs, Mr. Dungess Nelms, Mrs. Lindsay Burns, Miss Mildred Reid, Mrs. John Knox, Miss Frances Wardle, Mrs. Grace Russell.——".

"April 27, 1947.——In conjunction with the Allied Church League and others in an effort to defeat the legalizing of liquor selling in this county, the session appointed an anti-liquor committee as follows: Mr. F. P. Patterson, Mr. John M. Mathews, Mrs. Joan Robinson, Billy Downs, and Watson Rea. This committee to be active in an effort to defeat the issue in election on June 14th.——".

"July 27,1947.——The session expressed itself in favor of the organization of a Men's Club, such organization to be effected, if the way be clear, at a fish supper on Friday, August 8th.——".

"November 23, 1947.——Letter from Mrs. A. D. Seabaugh was read asking that her resignation as pianist be accepted. The session moved to comply with her request and voiced their hearty appreciation of her service in this capacity.——".

"Letter from our senior elder, W. A. McKee,Sr., was read asking that because of difficult hearing he be excused from active duty. The session's attitude was to comply to the extent that any absence or inactivity would be explained or fully accounted for, but that his status asoldier would not be altered.——".

"March 7, 1948.——After opening with prayer, the following nominees for Sunday School officers were elected: For Superintendent of Sunday School, Mr. Henry Niven; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Reid; for Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Billy Downs; Assistant Sec.-Treas., Mr. R.A. Nelson, Jr.——".

EXCERPTS FROM HANDWRITTEN MINUTES OF JAMES A. BLAKENEY, CLERK PRO TEM FOR F. B. KUYKENDAL AND THEN FULL CLERK OF THE SESSION.

"June 27, 1948.———Mr. Wiley requested a congregational meeting be called for July 11 to unite with him in requesting presbytery to dissolve the relationship of pastor with this church.—",
(Action accordingly taken - H.B.M.)

"August 8, 1948.———Rev. Carl Nourie, Moderator.———(Congregational meeting). ——.Mr. L. M. Rea made the following motion; ' That the congregation of Providence Presbyterian Church does approve the proposal to call a fulltime pastor for this church, independently of the Waxhaw Presbyterian Church '. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burgess Helms. The motion was voted upon, and same was passed by a vote of 66 for - to 11 against.

"Then another motion by Mrs. John McGinnis, ' That the congregation of Providence Church requests that the Session and Board of Deacons of the Church prepare and submit to the congregation at its next meeting, plans, estimated costs, and specifications both for a new manse and for repairing and remodeling the present manse '.-This was duly voted upon and passed by a large majority.——".

(Congregational minutes signed by L.C.Harper)

"August 29, 1948.———Rev. Jonas Barkley presided as Moderator. (Congregational meeting). (Action taken to build new manse rather than repair old and to divert all available funds to its completion - H.B.M.)

"A motion was made by L. M. Rea as follows: ' That the following persons be appointed to serve as a Building Committee for the constructio n of the new manse: F. B. Kuykendal, Burgess Helms, Mrs. Lindsay Ennis, Mrs. John McGinnis and James Blakeney with L.C.Grier,Sr. serving for F.B.Kuykendal in his absence '. —— unanimously passed—".

"Mr. Grier, reported that the total funds available for building a manse exclusive of the Sunday School Building Fund amounted to $ 4,954.48.——".

"October 3, 1948.———Professor Thompson of Davidson College was invited to supply the church for the next three months. Due to his teaching duties it was i possible for him to do this.—— A pulpit committee was appointed as directed by congregational meeting: Mr. L.M.Rea, Chairman, Mrs. J.A.Blakeney, W.N.Helms,Sr., Miss Mildred Reid, W.D.Nixon, Mr. C.E.Lemmond.——".

"October 10,1948.——Dr. C.M. Boyd moderated the meeting.——James A. Blakeney was elected Clerk of Session to succeed the late F. B. Kuykendal, who died recently.——".

"January 16,1949. At a joint meeting of the Session and pulpit committee this morning at the church it was decided to invite Chinese Student at Davidson College for the regular preaching Sunday February 13th. Mr. Lan Pan will speak on China for the Foreign Mission program of the church. ——".

"February 6, 1949.——Dr. C.R. Eerhardt moderator and guest minister——". (C.R.E. moderates several successive meetings)

"February 20,1949.——The special missionary fund for the Spooners in Africa of $375 was approved.——".

"April 22, 1949.——The session was unanimous, but regretful, in accepting the resignation of Mr. W.L.McKee,Jr., from the Board of Deacons.——".

"May 15, 1949.——Approval was also given the offer of the Charlotte Chapter of the Colonial Dames to put a marker on the Providence church grounds, but not in or on any building.——".

"Mayo 6, 1949.——At a called congregational meeting Dr. Harold Dewey Hayward was extended a call to fill the pulpit of Providence Church.——". (Dr. Hayward had preached a trial sermon on May 8, 1949). (Call accepted and noted June 26, 1949).

"October 9, 1949 ——Plans for the installation services of Dr. Hayward on October 23, 1949 were discussed.——".

"October 30,1949.——The Session meeting in the church today was informed that on October 20th.1949, a marker commemorating the founding of Providence Church in 1767 was unveiled on the church ground. The marker was presented to the church by the Charlotte Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America and accepted by Clerk of Session, J. A. Blakeney.——".

"October 23,1949.——On the afternoon of October 23,1949 Dr. Harold D. Hayward was installed as the first fulltime pastor of Providence Church. Dr. Hunter Blakely commissioned by Presbytery presided at the installation services. Dr. T. C. Ballinger of Pineville charged the pastor. Elder Rufus A. Grier of Steele Creek Church charged the congregation . Dr. Charles R. Eerhardt of Davidson College preached the sermon".

"November 27, 1949.——The motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously carried to take a special collection for the needy of the community on Communion Sundays throughout the year. This money is to be administered by the Deacons of the Church.——".

"January 29, 1950——(Initial steps taken towards erection of new church school building - H.D.H.)

"March 19, 1950.——"The Deacons report that they have reelected Mr. N.C.Grier,Sr. Treasurer of Providence Church to serve the coming year.——".

"March 26,1950.——The Session meeting in the church this morning named John Reid,Jr. Superintendent of the Sunday School for church year 1950-1951. Mr. Lacy McKnight was named assistant Superintendent. R.A.Hudson,Jr., was reelected Secretary- Treasurer. Henry Campbell was reelected assistant Secretary and Treasurer.——".

"April 6,1950.——Mr. W. E. Price, Moderator of the General Assembly would be our guest speaker for the afternoon service on Homecoming Day, the first Sunday of May.——".

"June 18,1950.——The plans for the proposed Sunday School building were accepted unanimously by the congregation. The decision to have two separate committees to be known as The Finance Committee and The Building Committee was arrived at after discussion and votes were taken.

"The two committees elected were as follows: Building: L.J.Harper, Chairman, S.L.McKnight and Henry Hiven. Finance: H. T. Hartsell, Chairman, Mrs. Oliver Stephenson and Charles T. Smith. The chairman stated that pledges would be accepted to be paid by January 1951. Pledges amounted to $ 4,146 were handed to the Church Treasurer, N. C. Grier, at this meeting.——".

"November 5, 1950.——A letter from Montreat concerning the cottage, belonging to Providence Church was read. It was unanimously voted to refer letter to the Board of Deacons, asking them to act upon it.——".

"November 26,1950.—— (Called congregational meeting for purposes of freeing church funds for use by Building Committee- H.D.H.)

"January 7, 1951.——Mr. N.C.Grier, Church Treasurer, was given a vote of thanks for his excellent and most complete records at all times. This was instigated by our pastor, Dr. Hayward. Unanimous grant of privilege was given to Dr. Hayward to

teach at Davidson College during the Spring term.——".

"March 4, 1951.——The Elders unanimously voted to form a Board of Religious Education for the purpose of making out and promoting the teaching program of the church and the leadership training program in all phases of the church's program. This Committee to be composed of the Pastor, one Elder, one Deacon, one from the women of the church, and one from the Youth Fellowship. It was voted that two additional elders and two additional deacons be elected at the congregational meeting on April 1st.1951.——".

"April 1, 1951.——(Congregational meeting and election of new officers,viz.

Elders: H. D. Niven, L. C. Harper, John Reid, Jr., John McGinnis,

Deacons: Henry Hrabanek, Zeb Rea, Charles Smith, R.A.Hudson,Jr., Lacy McKnight (John McKee and Thomas N. Grier tied).

"April 8,1951.——(Congregational meeting continued -

Deacons: John McKee and Thomas N. Grier, both elected.

"Motion made by Z.M.Rea to take subscriptions from congregation to be paid in 30 days and seconded by James Blakeney. Voted upon and accepted by congregation. Amount raised $ 1246.00.

"Motion by H.D.Niven for congregation to authorize borrowing up to $ 4500.00. Seconded by Dick Hudson. To use personal endorsements. Voted upon and carried.——".

"April 15,1951.——Four new elders namely: H.D.Niven, L.C.Harper, J.M.McGinnis and John Reid,Jr. were welcomed. (They had been O & I on April 8, 1951.-H.D.N.)

Session voted not to accept resignations of Treasurer N.C.Grier,Sr. or Deacon Burgess M. Helms.

(Deacons-elect John McKee and Thomas N. Grier with those elected April 1, 1951 O & I on April 15, 1951 - H.D.N.)

"June 24, 1951——(Congregational Meeting)——.Dr. Hayward presented the ' Tithing Adventure ' as outlined by the Program of Progress as a means of completing the monetary goal.——Dr.Hayward read from the Book of Church Order, paragraph 156, concerning the Election of Elders and Deacons for a limited time. After discussion, Mrs. R.A. Hudson moved, seconded by Elder L.C.Harper, that Providence Church adopt the Rotary system with respect to deacons and that the current Board of Deacons be authorized to work out details of actual

mechanics of initiating the plan by the beginning of the next church year. Carried.———". (signed) Henry D. Niven, Secretary.

STATISTICS: INSERT OF CHURCH REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 1951 FROM SESSIONAL RECORD (FRONT) 1937 - 1951 (CURRENT).

Elders	9
Deacons	9
Added on Confession	9
Added on Certificate	7
Losses	8
Net Membership	270
Baptisms - Adult	3
Baptisms - Infant	8
Sunday School Enrollment	240

World Missions	$ 812.74
Church Extension	181.57
Education	80.35
Annuities and Relief	101.97
General Fund	83.00
Synods Church Extension	52.00
Homes	338.32
Educational Institutions	275.22
Religious Education of Synod	26.00
Religious Education of Presbytery	26.00
Presbytery's Church Extension	370.92
Other Synod and Presbytery Benevolences	84.75
Congregational Missions	.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	37.25

Total Benevolences	*	$ 2470.09
Pastor's Salary		3000.00
Current Expenses		3843.29
Building Expense		12387.49
Total to Local Church Work	*	19230.78
	*	$ 21700.87

FROM SESSIONAL MINUTES 1937 - 1951 LISTS OF CHURCH OFFICIALS.

(1) Pastors

1. E. V. Wiley (cf. Session Book 1892 - 1937)
-pastor- Resigned: 7/11/1948

2. Harold D. Hayward Elected 6/6/1949
-pastor- Began Ministry 9/1/1949
Installed 10/23/1949

(2) Elders Ordained and Installed in the E. V. Wiley pastorate (cf. S.B. 1892 - 1937).

1. R. A. Stephenson Elected 2/25/1945
O & I c. 3/18/1945
James A. Blakeney " " "
Lindsay Ennis Reelected 2/23/1947 O&I.3/9/1947
Neil C. Grier, Sr. Elected 2/25/1945 O&I 3/18/1945

2. Elders at the beginning of the Harold D. Hayward Pastorate:

James A. Blakeney (Clerk) O. C. Jackman
W. H. McKee, Sr. P/ P/ Patterson
John W. McKinney Lindsay Ennis
L. M. Rea Neil C. Grier, Sr.

3. Elders Ordained & Installed in Hayward Pastorate:

Henry D. Niven Elected 4/1/1951 O & I 4/8/1951
Lester Carl Harper " " " "
John C. Reid, Jr. " " " "
John M. McGinnis " " " "

* (3) Deacons Ordained and Installed in the E. V. Wiley pastorate (cf. S.B. 1892 - 1937)

1. John M. Matthews Elected 2/25/1945 O&I c. 3/18/1945
Lester Carl Harper " " " " to Elder
Wm.H. McKee,Jr., " " "
Resigned 4/22/1949

2. Deacons at the beginning of the Harold D. Hayward pastorate:

George Badger Bryant John L. Rea
C. Oliver Howard R. A. Hudson, Sr.
John M. Matthews,Sec.-Treas. L/ Carl Harper, Chairman
* John Knox * Burgess M. Helms
Elected 2/23/1947 O&I c.3/9/1947

~~John M. Knox Elected 2/23/1947 O & I c.3/9/1947~~
~~Burgess H. Helms " " " "~~

2. Deacons elected and ordained and installed in the Harold D. Hayward pastorate:

Henry D. Hrabanek	Elected	4/1/1951	O & I	4/15/1951
Zebulun M. Rea	"	"	"	"
Charles T. Smither	"	"	"	"
Richard A. Hudson, Jr.	"	"	"	"
S. Lacy McKnight	"	"	"	"
John McKee	Elected	4/8/1951	O&I	4/15/1951
Thomas N. Grier	"	"	"	"

(4) Church Treasurer:

C. O. Howard, Jr. (cf. previous sessional record)
Resigned 3/23/1947

Neil C. Grier, Sr.
Elected 3/23/1947

(5) Sunday School Supt. and Assistants:

Joe W. Ross	Supt. Elected	2/27/1938
	Reappoint.	3/26/1939
-Burgess M. Helms	Assistant "	2/27/1938
	Reappoint.	3/26/1939
George Badger Bryant	Supt.	Elected 2/25/1940
		Reelected 2/13/1944
Lindsay Ennis	Assistant Supt.	Elected 2/25/1940
		" 3/22/1942
		Reelected 3/23/1947
Dilly Downs	Asst.	Elected 3/22/1942
L. M. Rea	Asst.	Elected 2/13/1944
John C. Reid, Jr.,	Asst.	Elected 3/23/1947
		Reelected 3/7/1948
Henry D. Niven	Supt.	Elected 3/7/1948
John Reid	Supt.	Elect 3/26/1950
S. Lacy McKnight	Asst.	Elect 3/26/1950

(6) Sunday School Secretary-Treasurer:

W. M. Russell (10/9/1938)

Joe M. McKee Elected 10/9/1938
Reelected 3/26/1939
" 2/11/1940
" 3/22/1942
" 2/13/1944

John M. Knox Asst. Elected 3/22/1942
Reelected 2/13/1944
Sec.-Treas. Elected 3/23/1947

John M. Matthews, Asst. 3/23/1947

Billy Downs Sec.-Treas. Elected 3/7/1948

Richard A. Hudson, Jr. Asst. Elected 3/7/1948
Reelect. Sec.-Treas 3/26/1950

Henry Campbell Asst. 3/26/1950

(7) Church Pianist and Organist:

Emma Kuykendal Resigned 6/14/1942

Dorothy Ann Hrabanek Elected 3/21/1943
Resigned 11/23/1947

Mrs. Olive C. Jackman 1949

LISTING BY DATES AS THEY APPEAR IN SESSIONAL RECORDS 1937 - 1951 OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM EARLIER LISTS. D --- dismissed by transfer; R --- received by examination, profession or letter.

5/2/1937	D. - Carl Howie
8/15/1937	R. - Nancy Elizabeth Matthews, Betsy Carr Hunter, Ruth Jane Caston.
8/22/1937	R. - Helen Thornburg Caston.
1/6/1938	D. - Mrs. F. B. Farmer (Martha Julia Bryant).
1/30/1938	R. - W. A. Clark, Mrs. W. A. Clark
3/27/1938	R. - Lucille Thompson Olive, Johnson Calvin Olive, Billy Moore Helms, Robert Dickey Ross,ii, Ann Banks Rea, Mary Alice Grier.
4/24/1938	R. -Robey Lunsford Bryant, Ryland Olive, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Ingram.
5/1/1938	R. -Mrs. David M. Matthews (Sarah Hall), Mrs. Sarah Ida Douglas Williamson (Mrs. Harvey W.), Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rodgers.
7/24/1938	D. -Mrs.Carlyle Rutledge (Julia Rea Kuykendal), Ryland Olive,Jr., Lucille Thompson Olive, Johnson Calvin Olive.
10/9/1938	D.-Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Russell, "and family " - Willie Hester, W.M. Jr., Jean Elizabeth, Neil Paxton, Warren. Mr. and Mrs. J. Reese Coffey and daughters, Margaret Elizabeth and Mabel True.
11/13/1938	R.- Mrs. John M. Matthews (Louise Barber).
11/13/1938	D.- Mrs. Ralph Rone (Ethel Rea)
4/9/1939	R.- Mrs. James A. Blakeney
5/28/1939	D.- Mrs. H. G. Martis (Lillian Grey Campbell)
7/23/1939	D.- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gamble.
9/13/1939	D.- Mildred Louise Riggins.
10/8/1939	R.- Mr. and Mrs. HoustonSloan, Bill Childress

10/22/1939	R.- Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Ennis, Sara Dickie Ennis, Peggy Ennis.
1/21/1940	R.- Mrs. W. R. McKinney
3/10/1940	D.- Mrs. Teal (Frances Alexander)
3/17/1940	R.- Mrs. Leon Rea (Catherine Crane)
3/24/1940	D.- Mrs. Paul Rea Caston, Helen Thornburg Caston, Ruth Jane Caston. R.- J. Bard Matthews, Mrs. Helen Bass Matthews, Margaret Ann Matthews, James Watson Matthews.
4/28/1940	R.- Mrs. W.H.McKee,Jr.,(Christine Ellis)
8/8/1940	R.- Robert McKinney, Mrs. Robert (Mildred) McKinney, James Franklin McKinney, Frank Lyde Downs, Albert Russell Merritt
8/9/1940	R.- Jack Norman Williamson, Lee Mack Rea.
8/11/1940	R.- Thomas Eubank Rea
10/13/1940	R.- Margaret Wilson
10/27/1940	D.- Mrs. Sarah Matthews McLeod, Mrs. Annie Helms Massey.
6/8/1941	R.- Stephen L. Houser
7/13/1941	R.- Annie Sue Wilson
8/10/1941 (9/7,14, 21 28 bd.)	R.- Mrs. Sample Knox, William H. Miller, Clark Sarah Matthews, Evelyn Lee Matthews, Josie Mae Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Matthews, Grace Campbell. D.- Mrs. P. C. Hinson (Loma May Williamson)
1/11/1942	D.- Julian Caston, Mrs. W. A. Ingram.
3/22/1942	R.- Henry Shannon Campbell
3/29/1942	R.- Robert Dickey Ross
4/12/1942	R.- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell, George Lee Campbell.
5/31/1942	R.- Charlie Reid Williamson, Earl McDonald Williamson.
6/28/1942	R.- Mrs. Jeff Sloan

7/12/1942	R.- Margaret Avlone Matthews
8/9/1942	R.- Dorothy Louise Caldwell, Donald Harrison Caldwell.
9/13/1942	D.- Mrs. Robert A. Alexander (Ruth Kingsley Riggins), Elizabeth Rea.
2/14/1943	R.- Dorothy Ann Matthews, Oliver Beard Matthews.
2/28/1943	R.- Paul Gilliam Barber, Mrs. P. G. Barber (Elena Alexander)
4/11/1943	R.- Lester C. Harper
4/25/1943	R.- Jessie Lee Sparrow
5/23/1943	D.- John T. Campbell
5/30/1943	R.- Justus Herbert Pearce
7/25/1943	R.- Mrs. Lee Margett (Julia Hemby)
8/8/1943	R.- Mrs. J. C. Chandler (Josephine Gulledge), Billie June McLeod.
10/10/1943	R.- James Michael Pettus
10/24/1943	D.- Mrs. R. H. Richard (Georgia Howie)
2/12/1944	D.- Mrs. W. T. Williams (Louise Grier)
4/23/1944	D.- Mr. and Mrs. Houston J. Sloan
6/11/1944	D.- Mrs. T. Smith (Margaret Elizabeth Campbell)
7/9/1944	R.- Mrs. Thomas N. Grier (Violet Dale)
8/13/1944	R.- Catherine Fay Rodgers, Mrs. Franklin Dilling (May Rodgers)
9/24/1944	R.- George Thomas Clontz
10/8/1944	R.- M. E. C. Bryant
10/22/1944	D.- Edmonia Blakeney
2/11/1945	D.- William A. Stephenson

3/11/1945	R.- Eddie Reid Grier, James Pearson Grier, Sara Ellen Grier, Mary Alice Grier, Betty Ann Grier, Watson Peoples Rea, Betsy Elizabeth Rea, Norma Catherine Knox.
3/25/1945	R.- Joseph Richardson Hudson, Margaret Annie Rea, Frances Blount Blakeney
4/29/1945	R.- Ben F. Grier
10/10/1945	D.- Mrs. Margaret Wilson Wicker
9/23/1945	D.- Mrs. Paul H. Duckwall (Katherine Howard Hudson)
9/30/1945	D.- Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Culp
12/30/1945	D.- Mrs. Robert W. Evans (Juanita Grace Jackman), Annie Sue Wilson.
1/13/1946	D.- J. Bard Matthews, Mrs. Helen Bass Matthews, Margaret Ann Matthews, James Bard Matthews, Jr.
2/24/1946	R.- Minnie Evelyn Moore, Martha Louise Moore, Nuna Louise Campbell, Dorothy Jean Campbell.
3/10/1946	R.- Charles Walker Massey, James Lewis Clark, Virginia Massey, Betty Ann Massey, Shirley Marion Grier, Anne Ross Stephenson, Margaret Tomlin Blakeney.
3/24/1946	R.- Mary Bolle Matthews, Shirley Delores Dilling, John Moses Matthews, Mrs. B. E. Massey (Ann Helms), Robert L. Massey, Mrs. Mary E. Helms, Mrs. Myrtle Lessie Helms Campbell.
7/28/1946	D.- George T. Clontz, F. B. Kuykendal, Jr. Joan Howie.
10/13/1946	R.- Mrs. H. A. Dunn
11/10/1946	D.- Mrs. J. M. Pettus (Frances Matthews)
11-24/1946	D.- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephenson R.- Mr. and Mrs. Claude K. Longmith
3/9/1947	R.- Mrs. Henry R. Coffey, Mrs. Billy Moore Helms.
3/23/1947	R.- Mr. and Mrs. S. Lacy McKnight

3/30/1947 D.- Mrs. Roy Keller (Patsy Caldwell), Robert Louis Hartis.

4/27/1947 R.- Mr. and Mrs. Houston Sloan, Lucy Evelyn Sloan.

9/14/1947 R.- Mrs. Robey L. Bryant (Betty Bennett)

9/28/1947 D.- Richard A. Grier

10/5/1947 R.- Joseph Carl Chandler, Joseph Elliott Chandler, Dixie Olene Chandler.

10/26/1947 R.- Charles Reid Matthews, Charles Reid Matthews,Jr., Franklin E. Dilling (Bill Dilling), Mrs. Charles Matthews.

11/9/1947 R.- Mrs. Burgess R. Helms (Betty A. Houck), Ralph W. Ridgeway.

11/23/-1947 D.- S. L. Houser

11/30/1947 D.- Mrs. Erskine M. Rea, Margaret Ann Rea.

7/25/1948 D.- Mrs. W. L. Hemby (Margaret Howard)

11/21/1948 D.- Mrs. Arlie Love (Nancy Elizabeth Matthews)

2/16/1949 R.- Oliver Ross Stephenson,Jr.

2/27/1949 R.- Mrs. John E. Matthews (Mildred Jenkins)

3/6/1949 D.- Mrs. Earl Embree (Bess Matthews)

3/20/1949 D.- Jack Hudson

3/27/1949 D.- George Campbell

5/22/1949 R.- Edward Carl Niven

7/17/1949 R.- Mrs. GreenRea (Doris McCall)

9/11/1949 R.- Henry B. Hrabanek, David Alexander, John Rea

10/9/1949 D.- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark

10/16/1949 D.- Mrs. Raymond Dietrich (Penny Ennis)

1/1/1950 R.- Mrs. Harold D. Hayward (Helen Farquharson)

3/19/1950	D.- Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Howie
4/2/1950	R.- Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Smith
4/9/1950	R.- Mrs. Hazel Rea (Evelyn Conrad), Willie L. Rea, Judith B. Rea, James A. Blakeney, Jr., Donald C. Kiser, Calvin Matthews, Frances Campbell, Mary Jane McKee, Sarah Matthews, Sadie Matthews
8/3/1950	R. Frank R. Rogers
9/17/1950	R. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Alexander
11/19/1950	D.- Mr. and Mrs. Robey L. Bryant
1/7/1951	D.- Roy W. Hunter
2/18/1951	D.- Paul Y. Rea
3/4/1951	D.- Mrs. Faire Caldwell Franklin
3/18/1951	D.- Charlie Reid Williamson
4/1/1951	D/- John R. Rea, M.D.
5/13/1951	D.- Mrs. Sadie Neely Rea
5/27/1951	D.- Mr. and Mrs. John E. Matthews
6/10/1951	D.- Mr. Johnny Moore
9/16/1951	D.- Mrs. Moyer Ketchie (Rachel Jackman)

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY LIST THE FOLLOWING FROM THE MEMORY OF PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION PRESERVES FOR RECORD THE NAMES OF THOSE FROM PROVIDENCE CONGREGATION AND AREA WHO SERVED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY IN WORLD WAR I. THE CHURCH SERVICE FLAG CONTAINS 29 STARS TWO OF WHICH ARE GOLD STARS.

David M. Rea

Zeb M. Rea

William A. Robinson

Eugene Siler Ross **

Frank D. Coffey

Henry Alexander

Paul Pressley Patterson

Henderson Carruthers

Alfred B. Capel

Calvin Rea

John Miller

Zeb Kiser

Clive Alexander

Joseph W. Ross

Fred Rogers

Edward Russell

Richard Hudson

Henry Williamson

Frank Williamson

Richard Williamson **

Alva Ross

George Robinson

Thad Grier

Luke DeLaney

Paul DeLaney

Frank Stephenson (Banks)

Zella Bradford, R.N.

Dr. Green Rea

Dr. Charles Grier (---)

Lathan Rea

Hazel E. Rea

Will S. Matthews

THE FOLLOWING MARKER IS DISPLAYED ON CHURCH PREMISES (1951) IN MEMORY OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN " WORLD WAR II ".

" Providence Presbyterian Church

" Cherished in heart and remembered in prayer are our members serving in the armed forces of our nation "

John W. Grier
Judson S. Bryant
Henry D. Niven
Rea S. Martis
David James Delaney
James O. Hunter
Betsy Hunter
Roy W. Hunter
Neil C. Grier, Jr.
James R. Waltman
Woodrow Freeman
Jimmie S. McKinney
James M. Pettus
Henry B. Urabanek
Charlie R. Williamson

Wade S. Childers
John E. Matthews
Jack Caldwell
George Lee Campbell
Jack S. Hudson
Victor S. Hunter, Jr.
Margaret K. Bissell
Burgess R. Helms
Sidney T. Grier, Jr.
William A. Grier
William J. Stokes
M.C.Reid, Jr.
Joseph N. McKee
Franklin L. Downs

** David M. Matthews
William R. Downs, Jr.
John E. Rea
James L. Rea, Jr.
Robert L. Martis
George W. Jackman
Charles H. Stephenson
Thomas N. Grier
Herbert Pearce
Franklin E. Dilling
Carl H. Kerr
R. Hamilton Barber
William E. Ross
William McKinney

William M. Delaney
George T. Clontz
Don F. Grier
Rob M. Rea, Jr.
John C. Reid, Jr.
Joe C. Jackman
Richard A. Hudson, Jr.
Stephen L. Houser
John T. Pearce, Jr.
James M. Wilson, Jr.
H.E.J.Bryant
Countiss H. Franklin
Catherine Hudson
Lee Mack Rea

** (deceased - kia)

IN SERVICE DURING THE KOREAN CRISIS OF 1950, 1951, - NAMES OF THOSE FROM THE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY. PROBABLY INCOMPLETE.

Eli Springs III (Charlotte)

Charlie Reid Williamson (Charlotte)

William "Bill" Downs

Harry DeLaney (Weddington)

Joseph R. Hudson

Thomas E. Rea

Franklin Downs

John Grier

Ben F. Grier

LIST OF MEXICAN WAR VETERANS AS SUGGESTED BY THIS GENERATION OF PROVIDENCE PEOPLE FROM MEMORY. INCOMPLETE. (1951)

Mr. James Robinson

Elias A. McRae

Daniel Robinson

LIST OF SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS AS SUGGESTED BY THIS GENERATION OF PROVIDENCE PEOPLE FROM MEMORY. INCOMPLETE. (1951)

J. W. Kuykendal

Dan Grier

Vern Grier

Tom Vail

LIST OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS, INCOMPLETE.

David Rea

CENSUS OF THE MARKED AND KNOWN GRAVES OF THE PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHYARD. DATA FOR THE AREA LYING NORTH OF THE EAST - WEST CHURCHYARD ROAD WHICH RUNS FROM ABOUT OPPOSITE THE PRESENT CHURCH ACROSS THE ROAD TO THE STONEWALL AND PAST TO THE SPRING. ON THE WHOLE THE SECTION IS POST-CIVIL WAR (H.D.H.)

David R. Alexander, of S.D. & M.W. 10-9-1831 to 1-14-1911 [illegible]

S. D. Alexander 12-29-1837 to 3-19-1893

Rosser E. Alexander of S.D. & M.W. 4-9-1865 to 10-7-1885

Lee R. Alexander of S.D. & M.W. 7-7-1863 to 6-9-1886

Alexander Infant 6-22-1886 and 6-21-1886

Aunt Kate Alexander 7-17-1834 to 1-18-1921

Jennie M. Alexander 3-1-1836 to 3-6-1900

Nancy H. Alexander wife of Almarene 6-15-1863 aet. 24

Sora Brown Alexander 10-25-1848 aet. 36-7-20

Thirza S. Alexander wife of William D. Reid 5-26-1877 aet. 60-6-10

Mary W. Alexander Bass 8-27-1860 to 10-20-193[illegible]

Mary A. Alexander 4-05-1877 aet. 71

Mary J. Anderson wife of William S. Crockell 7-14-1857 to 10-23-1936

Mary Alexander wife of Samuel T. Price 3-4-1851 to 4-6-1925

John O. Alexander 1832 - 1912

Jane E. Alexander 1835 - 1907

J. E. Alexander 1871 - 1936

William Russel Alexander 7-6-1874 to 1-20-1937

Sadie (Alexander) 11-10-1877 to 7-4-1903

Infant Alexander 7-18-1910 to 7-19-1910

Infant Alexander 10-15-1910 to 10-16-1910

Henry Quincy Alexander 1863 - 1927

Annie Marie Alexander of K.C. 3-1-1896 to 2-1-189[illegible]

Martha Janet Alexander of K.C. 9-27-1901 to 5-23-1902

Joseph Koll Alexander of K.C. 12-8-1905 to 5-9-1907

Bass Infant of S.W. 6-10-1898 to 8-17-1898 dau.
Bass Infant of S.W. 6-10-1898 to 6-28-1898 dau.

Samuel W. Bass 9-15-1872 to 2-1-1935

W. J. Bass 8-24-1849 to 5-16-1910

Nattie J. Bass 4-19-1853 to 11-10-1889

Margaret J. Bass 2-9-1851 to 9-27-1917

Bass Infant of W.A. & V.E. 2-17-1907 to 2-18-1907 son.

Annie White Boyd of J.A. & M.E. 8-16-1902 aet. 1-3-0

Robert Lee Brooks 3-10-1950 aet. 70-2-6

William Alexander Brooks 1851 - 1925

James Albert Blakeney 8-1-1855 to 9-13-1920

Bessie Martin Blakeney wife of W. A. McElwaine 10-1-1871 to
10-22-1935 "Missionary to Japan" 1920 - 1935"
Grace Dove Blakeney of J.A. & M.E. 12-16-1892 to 8-1-1906

Harriet Caldwell Blakeney of J.A. & M.E. 9-21-1897 to 6-13-1900

Theodia Martin Blakeney 4-21-1950 aet. 54-8-8

Blakeney Infant of J.A. & Billie 11-15-1946

Edward Butler 1-13-1876 to 8-22-1942

Thomas C. Caldwell 12-2-1815 to 6-8-1877

D. C. Caldwell act.63 ~~[illegible]~~

Hannah F. Caldwell wife of J.A. Caldwell 1-21-1834 to 3-23-1868
act. 31-7-2

Lizzie Jane Caldwell of J.A. & H.F. 1-30-1857 act. 3-8-5

John H. Caldwell 4-10-1911

Caldwell Infant of J.A. & Willie 2-14-1920 to 2-20-1920 dau.

Julith V. Caldwell of J.A. & Virginia 11-1-1942

Margaret L. Coffey wife of James F. Pearce 3-23-1863 to 11-12-1919

Mary Susan Coffey wife of W. L. Dunn 12-16-1924 to 6-18-1931

Julia J. Coffey wife of W. B. Patterson 1855 - 1924

Annie Lee Campbell of W.E. & M.J. 10-10-1891 to 7-7-1897 dau.

William E. Campbell 6-3-1853 to 12-30-1911

Anne Lee Campbell wife of H. C. Alexander 3-1-1865 to 9-13-1910

Junie Dulp wife of A. L. Dulp 8-27-1880 to 9-1-1906

William Henry Downs 6-8-1844 to 12-11-1928

Downs Infant of W. A. & M.S. 12-23-1883 and 12-23-1883 sem.

James F. Freeman 9-27-1871 to 3-19-1935

Helen M. Freeman of S. J. & Ohio 5-26-1920 to 12-6-1920 dam.

Frank C. Freeman 3-10-1877 to 1-18-1932

Annie P. Grier wife of J.J.Grier 3-20-1[illegible] to 4-27-1951

Sidney F. Grier 6-6-1879 to 2-23-1944

Michael Osborne Grier 4-20-1910 to 3-25-1940

Julius Solomon Grier 4-21-1851 to 4-5-1910

Virginia V il Grier wife of J.S.Grier 6-13-1852 to 9-16-1[illegible]

Thomas M. Grier of J.S. & V.O. 6-25-1873 to 9-12-1895

Myrtle Grier of J.S. & V.O. 2-10-1878 to 1-23-1879

Martin of J.S. & V.O. 2-21-1876 to 4-11-1877

Eli A. Grier 1-10-1820 to 4-6-1865

Lydia Reid Grier wife of E.A. 5-1-1825 to 1-12-1895

Mattie L. Grier of E.A. & L.R. 9-30-1857 to 1-[illegible]

Susan M. Grier 7-25-1859 to 4-14-1[illegible]

Willie A. Grier 12-10-1[illegible] to 9-11-19[illegible]

William R. Grier 3-24-1863 to 7-12-19[illegible]

Julius A. Grier 9-30-1[illegible] to 4-30-194[illegible]

Samuel W. Grier 12-1-1[illegible] to 1-16-1[illegible]

Ida J. Grier 4-4-1[illegible] to 1[illegible]-1[illegible]

M. Wilson Grier 10-12-1[illegible] to 5-10-19[illegible]

James Harris Griffin 4-9-1827 to 7-17-1879

Jennie Graves wife of Madison Gor 3-5-1856 to 10-7-19[illegible]

Henry Beales Gurney 9-12-1856 to 8-16-1934

Ella Dills Gurney wife of H.B.Gurney 7-19-1[illegible] to [illegible].

Jane A. Target 11-5-1843 to 8-16-1912

Hollie Target 7-3-1911 aet. 43

James H. Target aet. 3

Target Infant of W.H. & E 9-25-1888 and 9-25-1888

Elisa Hagins 8-29-1799 to 4-6-1877

Mary Ruth Helms of D.L. & Lucy 5-18-1913 to 3-7-1920

Clayton Helms of D.M. & Lucy 11-1-1912 to 5-10-1917

Lester H. Helms of D.L. & Lucy 9-10-1907 to 10-10-1907

Grady M. Helms of D.L. & Lucy 1-25-1906 to 5-10-1907

Cyrus Hillie Helms 11-11-1948 aet. 61-6-19

Herman Helms 7-7-1850 to 7-6-1912

Walter Bangs Helms of H. & L.A. 5-16-1876 aet. 16-8-4

Lillie Helms 11-1[illegible]-1882 to 6-2[illegible]-1[illegible]

H. A. Hudson 13-4-1838 to 12-10-1880

Ann H. Hudson wife of H.A. Hudson 2-14-35 to 1[illegible]-2-1885

Richard A. Hudson 10-29-1855 to 11-2[illegible]-1925

Hellie Hoover wife of R.A. Hudson 8-2[illegible]-1872 to 7-[illegible]-1[illegible]

Grace Hudson of R.A. & H. 4-19-1897 to 11-[illegible]-1[illegible]

Hudson Infant of R.A. & H. 4-20-1[illegible] Ent/

Sarah Elizabeth Houston wife of W. H. Hutchison 1-27-1[illegible] to [illegible]-1-1[illegible]

Elizabeth Houston wife of James Barr, dau. of J. & M. 2-[illegible]-1[illegible] to 3-27-1[illegible]

Julia C. Houston, wife of G.C.Morris 9-17-1848 to 9-17-1926

Dorothy Knox wife of W. W. Price 1-25-1870 to 3-19-1934

Knox Infant of L.S. & Willie Price 12-10-1940

William A. Knox 11-3-1844 to 1-20-1875

Isabella A. Knox wife of W.A. Knox 9-3-1844 to 7-27-1875

Willie A. Knox of W.A. & B.A. abt. 0-5-00

Jennie May of W.A. & B.A. 10-30-18 (?) and 10-30-1910 (?)
5-2-1910 (?)

Lester Dwight Knox 4-27-1873 to 3-2-1930

Knox Infant of J.H. 1-1-1931 Dec.

Marie E. Matthews, wife of John P. Matthews 1-21-1877 bet, 22-1-20

Minnie Mallory Matthews 6-12-1888 to 9-18-1910

Irene Matthews 3-10-1890 to 6-25-1898

Josephine Mallory Matthews 11-20-1897 est. 65-0-2

Lila J. Matthews 8-9-1895 to 1-7-1921

Samuel W. Matthews n.d.

Green H. Matthews n.d.

L. Blanche Matthews n.d.

V. McGill Matthews n.d.

Amanda E. Matthews n.d.

Samuel Watson Matthews 6-7-1864 to 11-11-1924

Nancy Bache Matthews of S.W. & J.J. 11-23-1900 to 5-15-1911

Dora McGill Matthews 1847 - 1919

Jane Hanley Matthews 1851 - 1920 (wife)

Lawrence Wilson Matthews 1906 - 1951

Mary Infant of Carl 3-9-1940 and 3-9-1940

Samuel Houston Marr 10-27-1854 to 10-4-1919

Nancy Ellen Knotts wife of W.A.Brooks 1849 - 1931

Melinda Cherry McCall, wife of A.J.McCall 12-9-1820 to 12-19-1900

Martha Ann McCall wife of Sep Herman Helms 11-30-1853 to 2-27-1931

M. J. McAlister 1-10-1947 aet. 70

McAlister, ~~XXXXX~~ John 1951

Noah Hedley McKinney 8-26-1921 to 10-15-1943

Sarah J. McKinney, wife 8-30-1837 to 2-17-1903

Sarah E. McKinney 8-4-1850 to 10-15-1930

Addie Marie McKinney of J.W. & Minnie 6-14-1901 to 2-10-1920

Leah McLeod (Matthews) 5-10- aet. 9-9-1

McDaniel Johnson McDaniels 2-25-1862 to 10-20-1910 100

John Patterson McDaniels 6-29-1845 to 1-9-1910

Maggie McDaniels of J.P. & M.E. 5-14-1872 to 9-4-1872 a 3.0-3-25

Estelle McDaniels of J.P. & M.E. 11-30-1874 to 3-10-1877 aet. 0-3-10

Marvin L. Miller 7-12-1881 to 11-11-1903

O. F. Miller 12-15-1943

Samuel F. Miller 1872 - 1951

Martha Emelia Martin wife of J. McMahaney 4-25-1854 to 3-17-1[illegible]

Morris Infant of G.O. & J.C. 2-11-1838 and 2-11-1838 dau. 1.11.

Morris Infant of W.O. & J.C. 3-6-1878 aet. 0-0-[illegible] dau.

Morris Infant of W.O. & J.C. 3-27-1872 (and 3-21-1872) aet.

M. J. Newell 7-6-1927 to 7-6-1977

Edward E. Olson 1866 - 1923

Edward Eugene Olson of E.E. & T.D. 4-6-1904 to 4-23-1905

Joseph Denis Olson of E.E. & T.D. 10-4-1906 to 10-26-190[illegible]

Ida A. Wislet 1869 - 1937

Jane Oliver, wife of J.C.Ross 9-5-1823 to 10-21-1877
Ann Oliver, wife of [illegible].Parks 12-15-1825 to 5-17-1899

William F. Patterson of W.F. & E.J. 1-6-1883 to 12-11-1883
William H. Patterson 1870 - 1928
Samuel Watson(Patterson) 12-15-1876 to 7-5-1933 [illegible]

Hazel Moore Parks 2-14-1922 to 6-13-1923

Smythia Jane Parson, wife of T.L.Vail 1-21-1857 to 1-4-1931
"U.D.C."

John Davis Pearce 9-6-1861 to 1-5-1931

Martha A. Pearce 11-20-1866 to 5-23-1900 (wife)

Martha A. Pearce of J.A.Pearce 4-17-1899

James V. Pearce 11-14-1853 to 10-6-1912

Pierce Infant of W.A. & Myrtle 8-27-1906 to 11-21-1907

Shelton H. Pierce (Capt.) 5-27-1915 to 7-12-1943
"He gave his life in service for others"
William A. Pierce 2-16-1853 to 3-16-1924

Margaret Mary Pierce wife of W.A. Pierce 8-25-1853 to 12-[illegible]-1934.

Ida A. Wislet 1875 & 1921

John Benjamin Porter 2-11-1843 to 4-3-1938

Sallie Gilley Porter 4-11-1847 to 6-12-1922 (wife)

Lillie V. Porter of J.B. & S.G. 10-9-1873 aet. 6-3-03

Willie D. Porter of J.B. & S.G. 10-7-1873 aet. 3-4-12 mos.

Mary Margaret Porter of J.B. & S.G. 12-9-1875 to 7-18-1880

Lorena Porter, wife of L. H. Porter 6-15-1912 aet. 50

Byron Lee Porter 2-4-1890 to 2-20-1938

Martha Evelyn Porter of B.L. & T.E. 5-24-1918 to 12-21-1918

John Harvey Porter of J.B. & S.G. 7-8-1876 to 3-21-1883

Lorkin H. Robinson 1857 - 1927

Ira P. Robinson 1863 - 1934 (wife)

Robinson Infant of G.P. & Mamie n.d.

Fred L. Rogers, Sr. 6-8-1850 aet.

Ira C. Reid 5-1-1872 to 1-21-1923

William L. Reid 7-24-1877 aet. 44-8-4

Jovene F. Reid 4-1-1903 aet. 22-3-0

Isabella A. Reid 4-17-1879 aet. 61-8-12

Mary S. Reid 7-1-1857 aet. 71-2-11

[illegible] Ross [illegible]-1877 to 10-31-1930

Minnie L. Ross 1878 to [illegible]

John L. Ross [illegible]-1837 to 1-23-1915

[illegible] L. Ross, wife of [illegible] [illegible]-1839 to [illegible]

[illegible] Ross, wife of J. L. Randall 9-15-1839 to 11-22-1916

Pauline Harris Ross 6-5-1907 to 1-9-1946

Jos Pauline Ross 9-6-1931 to 1-[illegible]-1937

Joseph S. Ross 10-24-1816 to 7-3-1887

Mabel Pauline Ross of M.M. & S.E. 7-23-1870 to 11-27-1879

Eugene Miller Ross of M.M. & S.E. 6-21-1875 to 10-10 1918
"Died in the service of his country"

L. Della Ross 7-20-1883 to 2-10-1941

Edward L. Randall 9-23-1839 to 7-16-1911

Edward L. Randall, Jr. of E.L. & Grace L. 2-10-1905 to 1-2-1926.

James Dewey Sloan, Corporal in Field Artillery, 11-21-1930

Luther Davis Squires 12-21-1884 to 10-13-1925

Lucy Bright Squires 12-21-1884 to 6-5-1932

Thomas Austin Squires 8-23-1846 to 8-30-1916

Laura Reid Squires 3-2-1853 to 8-2-1924

Alice Beulah Squires 10-1-1873 to 10-27-1917

Sallie Jane Squires 11-13-1900 to 5-21-1921

Walter V. Squires 9-1-1876 to 7-13-1941 WW

Dennis Sumner, wife of Samuel Intermillion 11-1-1873 to 7-19-1944

Joseph M. Sample 5-23-1910 to 5-13-1971 act. 61-2-3

Margaret O. Sample 5-13-1973 act. 64-6-0 (wife)

W. T. Vail 9-27-1921 to 7-10-1951

Thomas Lafayette Vail 1-27-1927 to 11-26-1953

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] 7-9-1885 to 8-9-1970

[illegible] 6-16-1901 to 1-17-1957

[illegible] 5-11-1909 to 12-17-[illegible]

George Lee Williamson 12-16-1890 to 7-31-1914

[illegible] 6-13-1910 to 5-30-1917

[illegible] Arthur Williamson 4-11-1911 to 3-25-1943

CENSUS OF THE MARKED ANDKKNOWN GRAVES (CONTINUED). DATA FOR THE AREA LYING SOUTH OF THE EAST - WEST CHURCHYARD ROAD. OLDEST AREA OF CHURCHYARD NEAR STONE WALL. CONFEDERATE VETERANS' GRAVES NEAR EAST - WEST ROAD. NEWER GRAVES NEAR AND PARALLELING PROVIDENCE ROAD AND TO EXTREME SOUTH. (M.D.H.)

Fannie Levica, of Rev. J.W. and M.A.Abernethy 6-10-1866 to 6-15-1869

Elizabeth Allen of John and Margaret 7-14-1826 Aet. 15-6-0

Hannah Alexander 6-21-1793 Aet. 2-3-7

Jane Anderson 5-23-1833 Aet. 27-6-7

Infant Twins of W.A. and L.L.Ardrey 6-3-1843

Ellen Elizabeth Arnold, niece of Solomon Reid 2-4-1832 to 2-12-1913

Abel Mc Barnett 7-7-1834 Aet. 1-8-19

Margaret J. Barnett 8-7-1844 Aet. 5-9-26

Margaret Barnette 10-1-1809 to 6-12-1862

Joseph L. Barnett 10-25-1854 Aet.12-9-12

Robert G. Barnette 6-29-1840 to 5-4-1863

William P. Barnette 2-5-1835 "Killed at Druries Bluff 5-16-1864"

Moses A. Barnett 12-8-1848 Aet. 18-2-5

R. C. Barnett 10-20-1854 Aet. 54-10-16

Lydia Baxter 5-14-1806 Aet. 8-10-8

Andrew Baxter,Junr.12- 31- 1798 Aet. 22-0-0

Andrew Baxter 10-6-1781 Aet. 55-0-0

Margaret Baxter 3-20-1798 Aet. 23-0-0

James Potts Baxter 5-9-1790 Aet. 10-0-0 and

William Potts, Mary & Metilda Baxter,"each aged near 10 months"

William Baxter 1781 0-15-0 "also 2 children not baptized"

Mary T. Black 7-4-1882 Aet. 69-11-26

Thomas A. Black 1-11-1864 Aet. 43-4-11

Black Infant of T.A. and M.J. (dau.) 12-25-1854 0-0-12

John Black 9-19-1836 Aet. 23-3-3

William Lutha Bryant of Henry and Julia S. 9-21-1866 to 7-12-1867

Robert M. Bryant 1886 - 1945

Alphonsa Parks Bryant of Henry and Julia 8-19-1869 to 6-17-1872

Bettie Celestia Bryant of Henry and Julia 3-3-1871 to 6-11-1872

Larkin Robinson Bryant of Henry and Julia S. 10-26-1882 Aet.0-9-13

Thomas K. Bryant 1876 - 1888

Henry Bryant 6-14-1838 to 3-27-1910 (Marker - Stonewall Jackson Chapter 220 U D C)

Julia Sophia Parks (Bryant) 9-30-1846 to 11-11-1906

Dula Ross(Bryant)wife of G. B. Bryant 9-2-1880 to 3-2-1920

John Brown 4-2-1782 Aet. 13-0-0

Virginia S. Chapman (Bonner) wife of Davis R. Bonner 5-6-1906 - 10-21-1949

Sarah A. Condor 6-26-1891 Aet. 42-6-28

John B. Coffey 5-9-1861 to 9-30-1933

Martha Rea Coffey (wife) 9-18-1867 to 7-27-1943

James A. Coffey of D.S. and Jane 10-27-1854

David S. Coffey 9-20-1816 to 5-1-1891 and

Jane Kerr Coffey (wife) 10-1-1823 to 7-23-1893

David Samuel Coffey of J.B.Coffey 8-30-1890 to 12-29-1915

William S. Cunningham 1-2-1844

Mary Cunningham 6-17-1848 Aet. 70-0-26

Roger Cunningham 11-21-1807 Aet. 77-0-0

James Cunningham 6-29-1833 Aet. 57-8-19

Letitia Cunningham 10-5-1857 Aet. 80-4-9

William Cunningham 10-21-1843 Aet. 73-4-3

Sarah Amanda Cureton 1-27-1844 Aet. 13-5-19

Walter Davis 1-20-1839 Aet. 71-0-0

Ann Davies 2-4-1808 Aet. 41-0-0

Mary Davis, consort of Walter Davis 2-2-1849 Aet. 71-0-0

Ann Davis 7-23-1842 Aet. 51-0-0

Mary A. C. Davis 10-17-1842 Aet. 21-0-0

Lucinda Davis 12-23-1845 Aet. 30-0-0

(Headstones) (1) W.D. (2) M.D.

John J. Downs of J.T. and N.L. 7-14-1870 to 8-10-1872

J. T. Downs 5-29-1841 to 6-11-1900 Aet. 59-0-12

Henry Downs 10-8-1798 Aet. 70-0-0 and

Frances Downs 10-4-1784 Aet. 54-0-0

(Marker - The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter D.A.R. "Henry Downs, Signer of The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence - May 20th.1775")

James T. Downs 2-21-1860 to 2-19-1935

Frances P. Downs 11-22-1868 to 6-4-1945 (wife)

Joseph Downs 7-20-1818 Aet. 17-2-0

Mary Downs 2-14-1828 Aet. 60-0-0

Thomas Downs 11-26-1839 Aet. 83-3-4

Downs Infant dau. of J. and M.J. 1-30-1848 Aet. 0-0-7

Jonathan Downs 11-5-1848 Aet. 39-4-4

Mary E. Downs dau. of Jonathan and M.T.Downs 7-12-1854 Aet. 17 plus.

J. Thomas Downs 2-23-1872 Aet. 41-4-0

Margaret Joanna Orr w. of James Thomas Downs 10-29-1830 to 7-5-1872

Larkin M. Downs 11-28-1838 to 12-21-1861

Jefferson E. Dunn 11-22-1850 to 1-26-1877

Robert W. Dunn 10-11-1840 to 3-4-1862 Aet. 21-4-23

Mary Dunn 10-26-1834 Aet. 84-0-0

Andrew Dunn 6-30-1805 Aet. 54-0-0

Elizabeth Dunn 1794 Aet. 4 plus

Thomas Dunn 10-14-1794 Aet. 9 plus

Isbell (Isbeth) Dunn 1794 Aet. 5-0-0

Jane Dunn 12-12-1795 Aet. 77-0-0

L. C. Dunn 10-9-1811 to 2-7-1895 Aet. 83-3-28

Col. James A. Dunn 2-15-1860 Aet. 66-11-8

Elizabeth J. Walkup (wife) d. of Robert and Elizabeth Walkup
9-12-1842 Aet. 37-7-19

Agnes R. Dunn dau. of James A. and Dovey Dunn 10-19-1841
Aet. 14-7-23

Dove Dunn 10-12-1838 Aet. 46-3-0

Thomas A. Dunn of James A. and Dovey 11-22-1841 Aet. 12-7-6

Miranda Dunn 7-24-1827 Aet. 29-2-25

Thomas Dunn 12-10-1838 Aet. 42-10-25

Jane M. Dunn 3-31-1845 Aet. 47-3-22 (wife)

Captain Andrew Dunn 1820 Aet. 45-0-0 (m.m.)

James Dunn 12-12-1799 Aet. 77-0-0 "

S. W. Thomas Dunn of J.A. and L.C. 2-28-1845 to 12-1-1861 Aet. 16-9-3
" His life was sacrificed on his country's altar "

(Headstone) " M.N.E. " 1838

Andrew J. Ezzell 12-5-1854 Aet. 39-9-26

Mary H. Ezzell, consort of Andrew J. Ezzell and dau. of Edward
and Susannah Stitt 7-26-1838 Aet. 18-4-26

Mary E., wife of Thomas J. Ezzell 10-1-1838 to 1-6-1875

Carrie Elizabeth Ezzell dau. of T.J. and M.A. Ezzell 4-3-1869 -
1-5-1873

Nancy Amand Ezzell 11-12-1835 to 8-24-1872

Margaret D. consort of Franklin Emmons 9-14-1845 Aet. 28-1-20

John Edward Fincher 7-5-1864 Aet. 19-5-0 "A brave spirit lies buried here who died a glorious death in his country's cause".
Mary Flenniken wife of John O. Flenniken 2-14-1823 Aet.47-4-0

John Flennegin (Marker - The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Chapter D.A.R. "John Flennegin, Signer of The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence - May 20th.1775")
(no stone)

Henry Foster 12-23-1832 Aet. 61 plus

Martha Foster 11-13-1824 Aet. 16 plus

Carrie Matthews (Funderburk) wife of T. L. Funderburk and mother of Thomas L., Jr. 4-26-1872 - 1-18-1910

Lydia consort of General George Graham 10-23-1843 Aet. circa 80.

William Gribble 12-18-1796 - 7-5-1859 Aet. 63-7-13

Mary A. Gribble wife of William Gribble 12-25-1802 - 6-19-1880

Dorcas Helen Gribble dau. of William and Mary Gribble 9-7-1835 Aet.0-3-11

William Grey 1755 - 1823 and

Elizabeth Grey (wife) 1756 - 1806 and

Hugh Grey (son) 1782 - 1832 and

Elizabeth Hudson, wife of Hugh, 1775 - 1818 and

Richard Thomas Grey (grandson) 1839 - 1861 " Died in the service of the Confederacy ".
Grey Infant of Hugh A. and Jane M. 10-20-1857 Aet. 6 weeks.

(Headstone) " L. G. " 1843

Robert Grier 2-17-1807 - 2-5-1889

Elizabeth M. Grier, consort of Robert Grier 12-28-1859 Aet.48-0-1

Mary, wife of Robert Grier 12-22-1870 Aet. 52-0-0

Robert H. Grier 7-17-1862 Aet. 20-3-19
" Died on the field of battle
'Twas noble thus to die,
God smiles on valiant soldiers
Their record is on high ".

Grier Infant dau. of John G. and M.B.Grier 2-3-1866

John Calvin Grier 10-4-1867 Aet. 28-3-10

Mollie T. Reid(Harmon)wife of Marcus Harmon 12-12-1857 - 7-22-1881

Hugh Harris 8-27-1839 Aet. 38-plus.

Elizabeth T. S. Harris 5-7-1803 - 12-15-1833 Aet. 30-7-8

Amelia Jane Harris of Hugh and Elizabeth 1-19-1826 - 10-8-1828

James Taylor Harris of Hugh and Elizabeth 2-26-1830 - 12-27-1833

Hugh Harris 9-25-1812 Aet. 0-14-0

Susannah, consort of James Hennigan 2-5-1846 Aet. 21-11-7

—Mary —Harrison W. Hood 10-14-1796 Aet. 35-0-0 ??

John Houston 6-20-1812 Aet. 37-0-0

A. C. Houston 7-20-1860 Aet. 23 plus.

Aro (Aron) Houston 1-10-1777 Aet. 40-0-0

Ann M. Houston 10-9-1822 Aet. 57-0-0

David Houston 4-14-1842

William H. Houston of Hugh H. and Margaret 10-30-1850 Aet. 1-10-0

John R. Houston of Hugh M. and Margaret 1-27-1852 Aet.0-8-28

Hugh L. Houston of Hugh M. and Margaret 6-16-1857 Aet. 0-7-25

Solomon C. Houston of Hugh M. and Margaret 1-2-1857 Aet. 4-11-0

Alice M. Houston dau.of H.M. and M. born 6-23-1858 Aet. 1-4-2

James Houston 2-1803 Aet. 29-0-0

Margaret Matthews Houston wife of Aron (Aaron) Houston 12-27-1788 Aet.41-0-0

Jane Houston 3-17-1809 - 8-26-1881 Aet. 72-5-9

James Houston 1-4-1802 Aet. 73

Grizzy Houston 8-15-1802 Aet. 63

James N. Houston 4-1-1812 Aet. 36

C. Oliver Howard iii 8-7-1927 - 6-11-1930

Ada Howard Bell Potts, wife of Charlton O. Howard 12-30-1949

Charlton O. Howard 11-15-1868 - 8-9-1942

Samuel B. Howard 6-4-1833 - 3-10-1881

Margaret Oliver (Howard) wife of Samuel B. Howard 3-18-1832 - 6-5-1899

Robert Dickey Howard of S.B. and Margaret 12-6-1853 - 9-5-1854 Aet. 0-9-0

Richard Baxter Howard of S.B. and M. 10-27-1857 - 6-21-1858

Mary Howe 10-?-1902 Aet. n.d.

Ann Howey 5-12-1781 Aet. illegible

Agnes Howey 9-17-1786 Aet. 22-0-0

Martha F. Howey 5-29-1860 Aet. 48-0-0

A. H. Howey 5-21-1858 Aet. 68-0-0

William Howie 3-3?-1819 Aet/ 68-0-0

Elizabeth Howie 12-11-1825 Aet. 59-0-0

Harriet A. Howey of H. and M.F. 6-20-1858?

Richard Hudson 3-30-1818 Aet. 38-0-3

W.S.P. Hunter 1834 - 1910

Betsy Ann Matthews (Hunter) wife of W.S.P. Hunter 1844- 1907

Julia B. Hunter dau. of W.S.P. and Betsy Ann 1873 - 1910

Emma Pharr Hunter 1877 - 1949

James Taylor Hunter of W.S.P. and Betsy Ann 1880 - 1881

Victor S. Hunter, Sr. 1882 - 1951

Abel John 9-28-1825 Aet. 39-6-0

William? O. Johnston 8-9-1842 Aet. 17 plus.

James Johnson 12-22-1766? Aet/63-0-0

(Headstone) W.P.J.

Anny Karr 4-27-1821 Aet. 26-0-0

Susannah Kerr 10-10-1844 Aet. 56-0-3

Ellen Kerr 5-19-1821 Aet. 42-0-0

Samuel Kerr 7-15-1847 Aet. 67 plus.

(Headstones) " S. ? K " 1844 " E. K."

Polly Kerr 2-1-1808 Aet. 24-0-0
James Kerr 1-6-1818 Aet. 41-0-0
Samuel Kerr 11-11-1801 Aet. 51-0-0
Mary Kirkpatrick 8-9-1788 Aet. 32-0-0
J. C. Kuykendal 1847 - ? "Place of residence unknown since 1898".

W. F. Kuykendal 5-10-1849 - 8-27-1904 " An officer of Providence Church 1873 - 1904. Commissioner of Mecklenburg County 1894-1900 ".

Richard Hudson 3-30-1818 Aet. 38-0-3

Hanna C. Wolfe (Kuykendal) wife of W.F.Kuykendal 12-1-1844 - 9-26-1884

John W. Kuykendal 12-17-1877 - 2-15-1931

E. C. Kuykendal "born in York County, S.C." 12-16-1820 - 12-27-1886

Margaret F. Kuykendal 3-30-1812 - 6-7-1884

Mary E. Kuykendal 2-9-1852 - 6-19-1865

Frances M. Howie 8-25-1852 - 4-15-1935
Married Jefferson Dunn 2-4-1875. Married W.F.Kuykendal 2-1-1887

F. B. Kuykendal 11-8-1875 - 10-5-1948

Thomas M. Lewis 8-29-1832 - 1-5-1927

Adaline E. Rea dau. of Neil and M. Grier McAulay 11-7-1844-8-1-1892

J. W. McGinnis 12-5-1820 - 6-6-1875

Margaret Houston Patterson McGinnis 11-28-1828 - 11-27-1906

Sarah E. McGinnis 11-14-1856 - 10-18-1864

Lizzie McGinnis dau. of J.W. and M.H. 11-14-1856 - 10-18-1864

W. F. McGinnis 12-18-1858 - 2-28-1930

Julia C. Rea Caston McGinnis 2-2-1865 - 12-19-1950

Mary L. McCall wife of Col. W. McCall 5-5-1870 Aet. 41-2-11

Robert McDowel 12-12-1781 Aet. 28-0-0

Elias Alexander McKee 8-27-1816 - 1-8-1890

Martha Reid (McKee) wife of E. A. McKee 5-8-1828 - 10-5-1905

Samuel Watson McKee 2-1-1871 -- 7-31-1897

Samuel Reid McKee of W.N. and Mary K. 2-23-1908 -- 5-7-1908

William McKee 11-8-1804 Aet. 9-2-0

Polly McKee 10-3-1795 Aet. 6-9-0

Peggy McKee 9-15-1795 (wife of John McKee)

John McKee 5-17-1764 Aet. 43-0-0 and

James, son of John McKee 9-19-1781 Aet. 21-0-0

Nancy McKee 7-10-1806 Aet. 22-0-0

"This monument is erected by one from whom this tribute of gratitude and respect is due - Death like an overflowing stream sweeps us away our life's a dream an empty shade a morning flower our life is ever on the wing and death is ever nigh the moment that our lives begin we all begin to die".

Jean McKibben 5-18-1810 Aet. 70-0-0

Autry McKibben 3-12-1811 Aet. 80-0-0

Joseph McLaughlin 1-16-1823 Aet. circa 35.
Elizabeth M. McLaughlin "born in County Derry, Ireland" 1800-1829.
S. L. McLaughlin "born in Ireland" 1797 - d. 12-26-1874

Margaret L. McLaughlin, consort of Samuel L. 1-13-1858 Aet. 59-0-0

Samuel McLaughlin 8-28-1816 Aet. 4-1-21
Daniel McLaughlin "born in County Derry, Ireland" 1797 - 1847
Mary Matilda McCullah dau. of James

Elizabeth McCullah wife of Isaac 9-9-1819 Aet. 52-3-0

William McCullah of John and Katharine 3-28-1817 Aet. 47-8-22

John McCulloch 10-20-1848 Aet. 37-4-0

Nancy R. McCulloch 8-18-1850 Aet. 3-4-0

Jane McCulloch of John and Mary 9-20-1825 Aet. 19-7-15

Katharine E. McCulloch of John and Mary 8-19-1825 Aet. 17-2-22

Amos McCulloch 1798 - 7-29-1823 Aet. 26 plus.
Mary Adaline McCulloch of John and D. 1-18-1836 - 10-13-1846 Aet. 10-8-26
John McCulloch 8-11-1845 Aet. 76-2-15
Mary McCulloch, consort of John and dau. of James & Finavill Shanks 11-16-1842 Aet. 73-4-1

Iracy (Tracy?) C. McCullah dau. of James and Jane 11-5-1815 Aet. 0-10-21

William McCullah of James and Jane 12-31-1800 Aet. 2-2-20

James McCulloch of Elijah and Jany 7-25-1808 Aet. 0-4-0

James McCulloch 2-8-1842 Aet. 67 plus

Jane McCulloch 3-10-1843 Aet. 64 plus

Katharine McCulloch of James and Jane 9-9-1822 Aet. 17-5-21

John McCulloch 7-31-1824 Aet. 83 plus.

Katherine McCulloch 3-9-1824 Aet. 77 plus.

James E. McCulloch 10-3-1831 Aet. 22-3-11

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Massey wife of William and dau. of Edward and Susan Stitt 7-9-1826 Aet. 17-1-20

Mary Matthews alias McGill 11-7-1779 Aet. 67-0-0

William Matthews 7-7-1832 Aet. 87-0-0

James B. Matthews 9-14-1804 Aet. 6-17-0

James Matthews 9-1-1811 0 years

William J. Matthews of James and Jane 6-29-1839 Aet. 0-4-18

Jane H. Matthews wife of James B. 12-3-1841 Aet. 36-11-0

Esther S, Matthews, consort of John M. Matthews 12-11-1847 Aet. 22-5-8

William Wallup Matthews 9-27-1901 - 7-12-1920

Minnie Allie Matthews 8-3-1839 - 2-6-1932

Willie Wallup, wife of M. S. Matthews 10-20-1868 - 10-14-1901

Neil Stitt Matthews 10-14-1857 - 12-8-1933

Hugh H. Matthews 8-5-1822 Aet. 34 plus

Jane E. Matthews 10-3-1841 Aet. 19-plus.

Jane T. Matthews 10-4-1841 Aet. 51 plus.

Nancy Jane Matthews of W.M. and A.M. 7-1-1869 Aet.17-4-0

John Houston Matthews of W.M. and A.M. 7-30-1865 Aet. 11 plus.

Sarah Jane Matthews of W.M. and Ann M. 10-27-1843 Aet.0-2-0

Alexander S. Matthews of Wm.M. and Ann M. 6-2-1838 Aet. 0-2-3

Wm. McGill Matthews 5-24-1814 - 9-16-1874

Ann Rea Matthews 8-6-1817 - 7-7-1883 (wife of Wm.McG.)

James S. Mathews 7-15-1824 - 10-10-1826
of John and Elisabeth

Mrs. E. Mathews 3-20-1862 Aet. 62-5-0

John Matthews 10-9-1835 Aet. 44 plus.

William Matthews 8-7-1857 Aet. 37 plus.

Mary J. M. Matthews of W. and M. Matthews 3-14-1845 Aet.1-5-0

Andrew Jackson Matthews of W. and M. 10-7-1845 Aet. 2-9-28

Flora Matthews 1889 - 1918

Helen Matthews 1891 - 1923

J. Young Matthews 1883 - 19___

Margaret A. Matthews 1876 - 1944

John W. Matthews 1848 - 1935 "father"

Martha C. Walker(Matthews) 1849 - 1923 "mother"

J. Hunter Matthews 9-23-1882 - 3-9-1947

Matthews Infant 9-3-1947

Sara Mathew 1-10-1779 Aet. 0-5-0

(Headstone) " I.M." or " J.M." and " A.M."

Mary Rea Maxwell wife of R. M. Maxwell and dau.of A.L. & Lovica Rea 3-16-1859 Aet. 22-3-6

Mrs. Polly Millwee ~~mother~~ wife of James 7-14-1829 Aet. 42 plus.
Jane I. Morris 2-7-1817 - 8-13-1872

W. M. Morris 11-24-1844 - 3-4-1863 Aet. 18-0-0

James Tillroe Morris 8-13-1935 "North Carolina Pvt. 316 M.G.Bn. 81 Div."
Catherine Ezell wife of J. J. Morris 1854 - 1926

James Morrison 4-15-1778 Aet. 81-0-0
James Morrison 10-15-1806 Aet. 34-0-0
Neill Morrison 9-13-1784 Aet. 53-0-0
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Annabella Morrison 9-9-1818 Aet. 89-0-0 (89-0-21)?

Alexander Morrison 12-1-1806 Aet. 40-0-0

Dr. William Morrison 11-1-1806 Aet. 45-0-0 (brother to Ann wife of David Houston)
Susannah Morrison consort to William 9-1-1823 Aet. 52-0-0
Mary J. Mulkey 5-4-1821 - 6-2-1890

Thomas J. Nelson 1-21-1844 - 5-8-1914

Susan I. Nelson wife of T.J. 12-10-1846 - 5-17-1907

James Ormand, Sr. 2-20-1766 Aet. 91-0-0 and

James Ormand 12-3-1771 Aet. 52-0-0

Jonathan Orr 3-17-1828 Aet. 46 plus.

Margaret H. Orr consort of S.W.Orr and dau.of N.N. and Jane T. Matthews 4-12-1844 27-8-0
Samuel W. Orr 4-27-1843 Aet. 33-11-27

Andrew J. Oliver only son of Thomas and Jane 11-16-1842 Aet. 14-6-11

Thomas Oliver 10-14-1836 Aet. 48-0-0

Elizabeth Oliver of Thomas and Jane 4-18-1833 Aet. 3-2-18

Wm.Livingston Parks of Rev. G.D. and M.E. 1-3-1853 - 4-12-1853

M. E. Parks, consort of G. D. Parks, dau. of Wm.Ross, Esq. 1-3-1853 Aet. 24-8-12

Moses Allen Parks 7-4-1813 - 7-17-1872

Ann P. Parks wife of Moses A. 12-18-1882 Aet. 62-0-0

Elizabeth Susan Parks dau.of Moses A. and Nancy 9-18-1855 - Aet. 19-0-7

Victor Orville Parks of Moses A. and Nancy 10-20-1859 - 5-1-1860

Mary Susan Parks of Amelia A. and Rev. G. D. Parks 7-2-1858 Aet. 1-0-10

Amelia Ann Parks wife of Rev. G. D. Parks 6-26-1858 Aet. 24 plus.

Nancy Parks 7-1-1808 Aet. 19-10-0

George Parks 1-6-1827 Aet. 43-10-18

Elizabeth Parks wife of George 2-27-1844 Aet. 54-6-9

Mary Matilda Parks wife of James and dau. of James and Jane McCullah 5-31-1838 Aet. 25-7-0

John M. Parks 5-8-1849 Aet. 34-0-18

Joseph L. Patton of William L. and Nancy D. L. 1-29-1830 Aet. 5-6-21

Nancy D.L.Patton, consort of William L. 2-19-1830 Aet. 29-7-11

William L. Patton "who was killed by the bursting of a cannon" 7-4-1838 Aet. 37-0-0

Elizabeth Susan Patton of William and Nancy 3-27-1840 Aet. 2-6-0

William A. Patton 6-5-1855 Aet. 22 plus.

Nancy Caroline Patton of W. L. and Nancy 6-17-1855 Aet.19 plus.

John Patterson, Junr. 8-22-1832 33-4-13

Jeminah Patterson consort and relict of John 12-23-1833

Mary Adaline Patterson 5-9-1825 Aet. 20-6-10 and

Patterson Infant

Mary Patterson, dau. of William and Jane Lees and consort of J.N.H. Patterson 11-8-1826

James N. H. Patterson 8-30-1829 Aet. 32-11-18

Laurence D. Patterson of Joseph and Nancy A. 8-5-1843 Aet. 0-18-0

John Patterson, Senr. 7-22-1851 Aet. 65-0-0

Mary A. Patterson consort of Joseph 7-26-1843 Aet. 27-6-21

Margaret Patterson 12-10-1839 Aet. 71-8-6

Margaret A. Patterson 7-5-1851 Aet. 20-11-15

James N. H. Patterson, of Joseph and Mary A. 10-10-1837 Aet. 2-8-26

~~Isabella Watson Peoples 8-9-1859 - 4-7-1938~~

John Polk 7-9-1809 Aet. 34-0-0

Nancy Potts 4-3-1830 Aet. 70-0-0

John Potts 5-28-1809 Aet. 32 plus

Margaret Potts 3-17-1795 Aet. 63-0-0 and

James Potts 5-8-1781 Aet. 62

William Potts 11-29-1800 Aet. 49-0-0

James Potts, Senr. 11-4-1827 Aet. 52-7-20

Mary Potts 3-26-1840 Aet. 59 plus.

James Potts 9-23-1821 Aet. 38-5-25

Levicy Potts 2-8-1827 Aet. 40-3-17

William Potts, Jr. 3-7-1836 Aet. 27-2-27

William Potts "of Union County" 9-10-1788 - 6-22-1856

"Erected by the Potts Families of Pleasant Valley, South Carolina, Steel Creek and Charlotte, North Carolina, and the McIlwaine Family of Union County, Descendents of the deceased, this August, 1, 1928".

William T. C. Potts 9-20-1844 Aet. 14-8-1

Robert Erskine Potts 8-23-1844 Aet. 0-11-9

Ann Rebecca Potts 5-29-1844 Aet. 31 plus

Mary Sarah Ann Potts 1-31-1831 - 12-27-1832

Jane Lavinia Potts 6-19-1835 - 10-21-1835

William Potts, Jr. 11-7-1822 Aet. 0-4-28

Jane McC. Potts 11-9-1822 Aet. 2-11-26

Elenor Potts 11-12-1782 - 1-6-1843 Aet. 60 plus

John W. Potts of John W. and Rocinda R. 7-11-1811 - 6-21-14
and
Benjamin M. Potts of John W. and Rocinda R. 11-16-1813 - 7-17-1814
Doritha L. Potts of John W. and Rocinda R. 11-18-1845 - 4-1-1848
Isaac C. Potts 5-31-1817 Aet. 2-23-1844

James Potts of John W. and Rocinda 2-21-1835 - 1-18-1848

Winnefred Adaline Porter consort of Dr. John S. Porter and dau. of John and Lydia L. Cureton 12-4-1848 Aet. 19-9-24

Susan M. Porter of William B. and Jane 1-31-1837 Aet. 15 plus.

James L. Porter 9-12-1849 Aet. 29 plus.

(Headstones) W.P.P. 1840 J.P. 1833 C.C.P.
E.P. W.P. (illegible)

J. C. Query 4-4-1860 Aet. 45-5-25

Elizabeth A. Query 9-25-1824 - 11-13-1863 Aet. 39-1-18

Harris Green Lee Rea 6-7-1853 - 8-10-1948

Isabella Watson Peoples Rea 8-9-1859 - 4-7-1938

Benjamin F. Rea 1-15-1863 Aet. 9-11-0

John Columbus Rea,"his infant brother by his side",7-20-1834

Sons of William and Monarva Rea 9-12-1828

Nancy Rea 3-19-1867 Aet. 94-6-22

Mary Jane Rea of Silas and Elizabeth 8-3-1837 Aet. 0-6-17

Jonathan Rea 8-4-1819 Aet. 23 plus.

Andrew Neel Rea of Thomas and Elizabeth 9-1-18_? Aet. ?-?-?

William P. Rea 6-20-1862 Aet. 22-0-21

Greene Lee Rea of John and Nancy 12-28-1899 - 3-9-1890

Zebulon M. Rea of G. L. and Levica 1-15-1859 Aet. 16-2-14

Hazel Emmet Rea 6-12-1951 Aet. 51-11-21

Jemima Rea 9-5-1829 Aet. 42-0-0

J. K. Rea 9-20-1861 Aet. 30-10-20

Levica L. Rea wife of Green Lee Rea 5-26-1865 Aet. 57-1-25

James M. Rea of Green L. and Levica, killed in C.S.A. at Chancellorsville, 5-3-1863

James M. Rea 7-26-1847 Aet. 30-11-21

Thomas Rea 12-23-1824 Aet. circa 40.

Silas Rea 6-5-1852 Aet. 50-3-0

Elizabeth Rea wife of Silas 11-28-1885 Aet. 80-0-13

Dqvid J. Rea 2-24-1891 Aet. 58-4-13

John Rea 8-1826 Aet. 47-0-0

Andrew Rea 6-3-1801 Aet. 69-0-0

" Remember man as you pass by
As you are now so once was I "

David Rea " soldier of the Revolution " 10-1-1839 Aet. 82-7-0.

John Rea, Esq. 11-15-1843 Aet. 79-4-0

Jacob M. Rea 10-2-1846 Aet. 33-2-0

Solomon Reid 9-3-1787 - 5-27-1863

Martha M. Reid wife of John 5-12-1825 - 11-26-1902

John Reid 3-19-1815 - 2-16-1865

William Watson Reid 10-19-1859 - 4-12-1902

Eleanora Adams Hood Reid wife of Solomon 12-13-1789 - 5-19-1861

A. Calvin Reid 12-25-1861 - 7-29-1880

John W. Reid 5-12-1872 Aet. 62-7-2

Jane K. Reid 12-24-1870 Aet. 62-6-0

Catharine Reid 2-2-1848 Aet. 32-4-0

Mary Reid 12-21-1844 Aet. 62 plus.

Jonathan Reid of J. and P. 4-24-1828 Aet. 2-4-12

Joseph Jackson Reid of Joseph and Phoebe 8-27-1829 Aet. 12-7-0

Sarah Reid Ritch 11-28-1855 - 8-1-1930

Milas J. Robenson 7-3-1825 Aet. 36-2-3

Alexander Robenson 8-16- n.d. Aet. 0-6-27

Nancy Robinson wife of Milas J. "afterwards" wife of John Weeks
1-28-1848 Aet. 65-0-0

Milas Jefferson Robinson of James and Mary 10-19-1840 Aet.
2-10-2 weeks-5 days.

James Robinson 8-25-1776 - 2-2-1860

Margaret McKee Robinson wife of James 6-25-1784 - 11-9-1850

Margaret Robinson consort of W. P. Robinson 4-10-1852 Aet. 48 plus.

William P. Robinson 6-10-1875 Aet. 72-0-0

Robinson Infant of W.P. and M.A. 8-1-1856 and 8-1-1856

Willie Rea Robinson 9-13-1870 Aet. 14-1-13

J. J. Robinson of William P. 5-5-1857 Aet. 20-5-21

Lester Banks Rodgers 7-8-1880 - 9-25-1947

Mary Jane Matthews dau. of John P. and Sarah A. Ross 9-7-1846 - Aet. 4-11-11

Elizabeth Ann Augusta dau. of John P. and Sarah A. 7-11-1848 Aet. 1-0-18

Ross Infant son of John P. and Sarah A. 6-8-1849 Aet. 6 weeks.

Virginia Carolina Ross of John P. and Sarah A. 12-6-1849 Aet. 5-9-0

Robert Edgar Ross of John P. and Sarah A. 9-25-1851 Aet. 1-0-22

Sarah Ann Ross wife of John P. and dau. of Hugh and Jane Matthews 1854

John P. Ross 4-13-1870 Aet. 52-8-4 (Marker of U.D.C.)

William Ross, Jr. 2-26-1857 Aet. 26-2-0

William M. Ross 2-15-1859 - 6-4-1941

Sarah Barber Ross wife of William M. 6-5-1867 - 12-31-1945

Thomas E. Ross 1-2-1913 - 12-11-1926

J. Baxter Ross 4-5-1874 - 10-20-1918

Thomas Oliver Ross 6-8-1849 - 11-29-1929

Martha Ann Cunningham wife of T. O. Ross 3-16-1852 - 2-16-1929

Octavia B----- Ross dau. of James N. and Mary J. 10-29-1854 Aet. 1-1-25

William Ross, Sr. 7-17-1867 Aet. 77-9-0 " Ordained to the office of Ruling Elder in Sharon Church in 1833. A venerable man and worthy citizen ".

Mary Ross consort of William Ross and dau. of John and Margaret Patterson 1-12-1834 Aet. 39-0-14

Nancy H. Ross consort of William Ross 7-23-1851 Aet. 51 plus.

Rebecca Rocinda Ross youngest dau. of William and Mary 8-8-1839.

James Newell Ross of William and Nancy 9-15-1843 Aet. 0-11-20.

Margaret H. Ross 11-1-1825 Aet. 2-3-22

J. Newell Ross 10-16-1821 " Wounded on 12 May 1864 while charging a Federal fortification at Spottsylvania, Va., from which he died on the 17 of the same month. Thus fell a sterling patriot, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a Ruling Elder in Providence Church, where he was esteemed the Benjamin of the session ". (Marker - U.D.C.)

Sarah A. Ross [redacted] 10-3-1854 Aet. 1-7-16

Thomas S. Ross 9-6-1861 Aet. 21-0-0

Houston Ross of John P. and Sarah A. 3-29-1846 Aet. 0-5-0

John Patterson Ross of John P. and Sarah A. 10-25-1843 Aet. 0-9-4

(Headstones) " J.R. " " A.N.R. " " G. R. "

" A.N.R. " 1821 " M.J.R. " 1840 " W. R. " (illegible stone) Aet. 33 plus.

John Newton Sample of J. E. and M. C. 9-16-1841 - 9-29-1841

Mary Anna Scott of James S. and Rosanna of Columbia, So. Car. 7-23-1837 Aet. 0-8-21

Thomas Sharp 10-10-1836 Aet. 52-0-0

Martha Sharp 5-20-1837 Aet. 56?-4-3?

Jane, wife of John Sharp 1-5-1854 Aet. 40-0-28

Cynthia Sharp 1797 0-10-14

Clayton J. Sloan 6-22-1932 - 8-20-1947

Houston J. Sloan 5-1-1908 - 8-20-1947

Robert A. Stephenson 4-30-1885 - 2-14-1949

Jane Stitt wife of N.M. Stitt and widow of late Thomas Oliver
1-2-1865 Aet. 60-11-0

James Morrison Stitt of William M. and L. G. 11-2-1835 - 6-5-1864
" His life was sacrificed on his Country's altar " Aet.28-7-3

John D. B. Stitt of R.M. and M.A. 3-30-1863 Aet. 1-6-28

Richard H. Stitt 12-27-1862 Aet. 31-6-7

Susanah M.M.A. Watson of Neil M. and Susanah 8-21-1846 Aet.0-8-18.

Susannah Stitt consort of R. N. Stitt 12-29-1845 Aet.35 plus.

Neil M. Stitt 3-20-1801 - 2-14-1865 " A Ruling Elder in Providence
Church for 26 years ".

Prudence M. Stitt 10-10-1850 Aet. 15-4-28?

Jane M. Stitt of Edward and Susan 6-4-1818 - 10-12-1819

J---- ?---- Stitt 1843? (illegible)

James Stitt (broken stone) " 21st. of December 18 ??.

John Stitt 8-19-1847 Aet. 34 plus.

David Stitt 3-5-1817 Aet. 35-9-0

Ann Stitt consort of David 12-29-1847 Aet. 61-4-14

Edward Stitt 9-17-1778 - 5-13-1828

William Stitt of Edward and Susannah 10-29-1833 Aet. 22-10-0

Elizabeth Stitt consort of William Stitt 9-14-1744 - 9-19-1805.
Aet. 61-0-5

William Stitt 1-29-1816 Aet. 79-0-0

James Stitt 3-23-1806 Aet. 35-9-0

Jane Stitt 10-15-1843 Aet. 73 plus.

William M. Stitt 3-26-1839 Aet. 37 plus.
" As a man and a Christian he lived for Christ, and his memory will long be cherished by the Church of which he was a ruling Elder ".

William A.J. Stitt 10-8-1844 Aet. 32 plus.

James W. of William A.J. and Rebecca M. Aet. 1-4-5

Susanah, consort of Edward Stitt 2-7-1853 Aet. 64-4-22

Mrs. Harriet R. Stitt wife of W.T.Stitt 10-15-1861 Aet.44-8-0

Nancy C. Stitt consort of William T. Stitt 12-30-1843 Aet.31-7-12

Susan E. Stitt of J. M. and M. E. 11-9-1863 Aet. 2-10-1

Margaret C. Stitt of J.M. and M.E. 7-11-1867 Aet. 1-4-26

James Stitt of John and Amelia 7-3-1828 Aet. 21 plus.

Samuel S. Stitt of Wm.A.J. and R.M. 4-22-1841 - 11-18-1842

Stitt Child (broken stone) 1804 Aet. 5 plus

Amelia M. Stitt 9-3-1838 Aet. 69 plus.

John Stitt 12-1-1842 Aet. 70-0-3

Hugh Stitt youngest son of William and Elizabeth 9-21-1787 -
2-12-1800 Aet. 12-5-21

Elizabeth Stitt only dau.of W. and E. 2-12-1784 - 11-15-1794
Aet. 10-9-3

Frances Smith 12-4-1784 Aet. 22-0-0

Gean Smith 12-27-1777 Aet. 53-0-0

William Smith 8-13-1785 Aet. 45-0-0

John Springs 3-31-1790 Aet. 74-0-0 and

Sophiah Springs wife to John ~~XX~~ Springs, siner 8-10-1790 Aet. 70-0-0

Robert St--eward 9-25-1777 Aet. 35-0-0

Teresa Swann 1808 Aet. 16-0-0

John Swann 10-11-1806 Aet. 81-0-0

Mary Swann 10-11-1798 Aet. 68-0-0

Rebecca E. Spratt of C.E. and J.P. 9-27-1855 Aet. 7-0-23

Mary A. Spratt wife of C.E.Spratt 12-27-1854 Aet. 37-0-0

Spratt Infant of C.E. and M.A. 1-3-1855

(Headstone) "J. M. S."

Elizabeth A. Tagert 12-26-1846 Aet. 40-2-20

Tagert Infant 0-0-5

Amelia S. Tagert 3-8-1842 Aet. 22 plus.

Mary Jane Wadsworth wife of J. W. Wadsworth 4-2-1839 - 1-24-1864 Aet. 24-9-22

James A. Wallrup 10-11-1795 - 6-23-1824

Ann T. Wallrup wife of James A. 6-15-1855 Aet. 65-4-25

The Revd. James Wallis 12-27-1819 Aet. 59-0-0

" He was ordained to the work of the ministry in February 1792, and installed as the Minister of New Providence at the same time, and continued to preach the simple doctrines of the Gospel to his people until his last sickness ".

Mary A. Wallis 5-18-1816 Aet. 47-10-12

" Once engag'd in scenes of life,
A tender mother, loving wife,
But now she's gone and left us here,
The lesson bids us all prepare.
Not lost; (blest thought) but gone before
Where Friends shall meet, to part no more ".

Ezekiel P. Wallis 8-14-1793 - 11-2?-1794 Aet. 0-15?-25

John Weaks, Senr. 5-3-1840 Aet. 68-0-0

Margaret Weeks consort of John Weeks 9-9-1826 Aet. 50-7-11

William Weeks of John and Peggy 11-5-1806 Aet. 0-10-4

Margaret Nancy Weeks of Joseph and Mary B. 8-1-1829 Aet. 0-8-4

Mary Weeks of Phillip and Elizabeth H. 1-5-1792 Aet. 2-0-0-

Phillip Weeks 7-14-1809 Aet. 71-0-0

Elizabeth Weeks 7-8-1816 Aet. 73-8-0

Mary B. Weeks consort of Joseph Weeks 4-11-1830 Aet. 28-2-19

Joseph Weeks 6-24-1844 Aet. 41-4-2

William G. Williamson 7-10-1873 - 12-15-1950

A. B. Wilson 11-13-1832 Aet. 33-3-21

Margaret Wilson wife of A.B. 1-23-1836 Aet. 27-11-25

(Headstone) " E. ? W "

John Wylie 10-2-1784 Aet. 56-0-0

John Wylie 10-12-1825 Aet. 24-11-22

John Young 4-5-1816 Aet. 40 plus.

(Monuments in period from about 1840 until 1870 are frequently marked as cut by "Tiddy" or "McCoy" or by "Tiddy & McCoy - Charlotte, N.C.")

(There may be from fifty to one hundred graves in front of stonewall originally marked with fieldstone and wooden slabs and which now are entirely unknown except-ing that these are in the neighborhood of the early Downs and Rea areas among others.)

(The graves of negroes behind the stonewall were similarly marked and all identification impossible. This "slave burial ground" has grown over entirely by forest-cover (1951))

INFORMATION FROM CEMETERY STATISTICS - PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(1) OTTACHEMIANS:

Aunt Kate Alexander, Sara Brown Alexander, Ellen Elizabeth Arnold, Lotitia Cunningham, Thomas Downs, William Henry Downs, Mary Susan Coffey Downs, Mary Dunn, W. C. Dunn, Lydia Potts Graham, Samuel H. Grier, Robert Grier, Mary Ellen Knotts Brooks, Frances M. Kuykendal, Autry McAllister, John McCulloch, William Matthews, John W. Matthews, James Morrison, Acadella Johnston Morrison, Ann Oliver Parks, Elizabeth Rea, David Rea, John L. Rea, James Robinson, William M. Ross, Thomas Oliver Ross, Joseph M. Reid, John Swann, Cynthia Jane Person Vail, Thomas L. Vail. Julia Rea Caston McGinnis.

(2) [illegible]:

John Zepheniah Porter, (97) Thomas M. Lewis, (94), Minnie Allie Matthews, (92), James Ormand, Sr., (91), Henry Rea, (94), Green Lee Rea, (90), William "Billy" Rea, (100).

(3) OLDEST MEMBERS AND DATES OF DEATHS:

James Ormand 2-20-1766, James Johnson 12-20-1766, John McKee 5-17-1764, Mary Matthews alias McGill 11-7-1772 James Ormand 12-1-1771, [illegible] 12-[illegible]-1[illegible], Robert Edward 9-25-1777, James Morrison (Dr.) 4-15-1776, [illegible] 1-10-1777 Aaron [illegible] 1-10-1777

RECORD OF CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE CHARLOTTE, N.C.
(spelling partly corrected)
M.D.V.

August 24, 1839

" Presbyterian Church of Providence, Elders of) et al
Silis (Silas) Rea

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County This indenture Made 12 day of May 1834 - Witnesseth that Silas Rea hath sold to John Wick, Williams Cunnington, James Black, Hezekiah Alexander and Neil M. Stit Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Providence for the use of and to the benefit of the Congregation of Providence Church a piece and parcle of land of 5 acres lying on the W side of the plote of land on which the church of Providence stands and bounds as follows viz. begining at a Hickory the Corner of the old the old church land an Joseph Reas line and runing with the line of the old church land S 3 E 41 po. to a bearing Hickory on S. Williams line thene N 8[illegible] W 16 po to a [illegible] on Wm. McKees line thene NW 44 po to a B Gum near Silis Reas fence thene S 42 E 22 poles to the Beginning containing 5 Acres and the sd. — Rea doth hereby bargain sell and rant the sd plote or parcle of land of 5 Acres to the above named John Wicks William Cunningham and other Elders of Providence church, and for and in consideration of 62 dollars and 50 cents to him in hand paid by the Congregation of Providence the Sd Silis Rea doth bind himself his heirs and assigns powers to warrent and defend the Sd plot of land with all its appurtenance to the Sd John Wicks Wm. Cunnington James Black, Hezekiah Alexander and N.M. Stitt Elders in providence church and to their executors in office forever against all persons claining or to claim for the use and to the benefit of the Presbyterian Church of Providence In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this [illegible] day of May 1834.

Silas Rea

Test John Stitt and Hugh Harris (seal)
and S. Williamson

Mecklenburg County July — 1839 I certify that the execution of the above deed was duly proved by Rev. Samuel Williamson a [illegible] subscribing witness and was recorded let it be registered

August 24 1839 [illegible] Cates
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February 21, 1884

" Trustees and Deacons Of Providence Presbyterian Church.
T. L. and S. J. Vail 8½ acres Providence Road

" E. A. McKee, J. C. Ross and W. F. Kuykendal Trustees and Deacons " ($ 165.00)

(Description - M.D.H.)

" Beginning at a Stone on the South boundary of the Church tract a Corner of the J. M. Mathews lands and runs with Providence Road S 1¼ E 57½ Poles to a Stone by the Road. Thence due West 58½ Poles to a Stone D J Ross Corner and also corner of the aforesaid Church lands. Thence with the Church tract of land East 28 Poles to the beginning. Containing by survey eight and one fourth acres be the same more or less ".

October 6, 1890 (May 1, 1890)

" Trustees of Providence Church
Wm. A. and Maggie A. Pearce County 31½ acres
($ 100.00)
(Land mortgaged as against an indebtedness to the church. Cleared as follows according to note on county records, viz.

" This Mortgage is fully satisfied. Feb. 13th.1893, Trustees of Providence Church " - M.D.H.)

February 9, 1903 (January 26, 1903)

"Providence Presbyterian Church (Trustees)
Annie L. and H. C. Alexander 3.4½ Acres Providence
($ 37.50) Township

(Description - M.D.H.)

" Beginning at a Stone in Providence Road a corner of Providence Manse land, and runs with said Road S ¼ W 7 poles to a Stone in road thence three new lines - 1st. N 82½ W 25 1/5 poles to a Stone 2nd. S 1/4 W 67 poles to a Stone 3d. Due East 6½ poles to a Stone. A Corner of the Manse land, thence with two lines of same, 1st. S 8½ E 58½ poles to a Stone; 2d. S 8½ E 20 poles to the Beginning, containing 3 46/100 Acres ".

February 16, 1903 (February 9, 1903)

" Trustees of Providence Presbyterian Church
Clerk Board of Education, R. J. Cochran (and)
Chm. Board of Education, Wm.Anderson,et al

($ 137.50)

(Cf. Sessional Records January 25, 1903, September 22, 1905 The property sold to the Mecklenburg County Board of Education was again purchased by the Church. The following is part of the text of the original agreement - H.D.H.)

" ——that if the said lot of land described in said deed should ever cease to be Public School property and used for school purposes, then and in that event said party of the first part will convey to said party of the second part, or their successors in office the said tract of land ————",

(The conveyance of land by ' gift ' from David Rea, Revolutionary Soldier, died October 1, 1836, to the Presbyterian Church of Providence, originally used as church and cemetery site and now as cemetery site only seems to have been lost as an instrument and its record destroyed in the destruction of the County Courthouse records by fire.

Also, the conveyance of land by ' gift ' from J. M. Matthews, died July 7, 1832, to the same, and in the same area, seems to have been lost as an instrument and its record destroyed in the same manner. - H.D.H.)

April 11, 1932 (December 9, 1931)

" Trustees of the Providence Presbyterian Church, J. W. Ross, S. F. Grier.
Mrs. Fannie J. Matthews, Providence Township

(Description)

" Beginning at a Hickory Tree; a corner of the Church lot, and a Lot # 4 of the J. M. Matthews Division and runs S 82 E 5.8 poles to a stake; thence S 70½ E 12 poles to a stake; thence with the line of Lot # 4 and said Church lot N 61 W 17.3 poles to the beginning, containing 33/100 Thirty three - one hundredths acres be the same more or less.

" In consideration of the transfer of this lot the party of

the first part shall have a right to clear the above described lot of any and all wood that she shall so desire. Second - That said party of the first part reserves adequate burying space for two bodies, namely Rev. N. E. Gurney and his wife, Mrs. N. E. Gurney. Third - That said party of the first part reserves adequate burying space for her immediate family, said space to be staked off within thirty days after the transfer of this lot ".

October 8, 1935

" Trustees of Providence Presbyterian Church, S. F. Grier, G. B. Bryant, P. P. Patterson, J. M. McGinnis, C.O.Howard,Jr., J. W. Ross, L. M. Rea.

Board of Education of Mecklenburg County, Providence
($1.00) Township
"and other valuable considerations"

(Description)

" Beginning at a Black Gum, H. Q. Alexander's corner and runs with his line due East 6 poles to a stone in his line, then due South 8½ poles to a stone, thence due west 5 1/8 poles to a stone in H. Q. Alexander's line, thence with his line N 8 W 8½ poles to the beginning, containing 29/100 acres.

" Said property conveyed to the Board of Education February 9, 1903 by Trustees for Providence Church. Recorded in office of Register of Deeds, Book 174, page 414 ".

March 16, 1939 (December 17, 1938)

" Trustees of Providence Presbyterian Church

Fannie S. Matthews, et al, Providence
($ 10.00) Township

(Description)

" Lying and being on the Providence Road about ten or twelve miles in a southerly direction from the City of Charlotte, N.C. Beginning at an iron and stone on the west side of Providence Road (the Matthews - Campbell - Providence Church property corner), and runs thence S 63-15 E, 165 feet to an iron pin by a hickory; thence S. 82-00 E. 95.7 feet to an iron; thence S. 28-15 W. 82.5 feet to an iron; thence S. 66-00 E. 401 feet to an iron; thence S. 35-30 W. 491 feet to an iron; thence S. 25-00 E. 132 feet to an iron; thence N. 85-15 W. 214.5 feet; thence S. 4-30 E. 370 feet to an iron: being in all respects the boundaries

between S. W. Matthews Estate and the Providence Church property as surveyed by T. J. Orr, August, 1938 ".

INTERESTING PROPERTY TRANSFER BY PROVIDENCE CHURCH MEMBERS TO THE NEIGHBORING NEGRO CHURCH -

April 11, 1928 (February 21, 1924)

" S. F. Grier and wife to Trustees of
Jonesville Methodist Church, Providence
($ 130.00) Township

EXCERPTS FROM THE "RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

"Sept.16th 1736. -- the Presbytery of Donegal report that Mr. Alexander Craighead was last winter ordained to the work of the ministry, and at that time did adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith,Etc; and also, both he and Mr. John Paul, lately from Ireland, having now heard the several resolutions and acts of the Synod in relation to the adopting said Confession,etc., did before the Synod declare their agreement thereunto.

"---- 1755. A petition was brought into the Synod setting forth the necessity of erecting a new Presbytery in Virginia, the Synod therefore appoint the Rev. Samuel Davies, John Todd, Alexander Craighead, Robert Henry, John Wright, and John Brown, to be a Presbytery under the name of the Presbytery of Hanover, and that their first meeting shall be in Hanover, on the first Wednesday of December next, and that Mr. Davies open said meeting by a sermon; and that any of their members settling to the southward and westward of Mr.Hogge's congregation, shall have liberty to join said Presbytery of Hanover.

EXCERPS FROM THE " RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA " (Philadelphia, 1841)

"May 17,1759. Ordered, That Messrs. McWhorter, Kirkpatrick, and Latta, take a journey to Virginia and Carolina, as soon as they can this summer, or ensuing fall, and spend some months in those parts".

"May 22,1760. Mr.McWhorter's reasons for not going to Virginia, according to appointment of the Synod last year, were sustained. Messrs. Kirkpatrick's and Latta's reasons for not being at Hanover in Virginia, at the appointed time, were also sustained".

"May 23,1761. A supplication was brought in for supplies, from Hico, Hawfields, Eno, Coddle Creek, Rocky River, Davidson's Creek, and Lower Settlement, near the Atkin River, all in North Carolina, and particularly for unsettled ministers or candidates. ------Mr. Caldwell is appointed to supply the southern vacancies, particularly those in Carolina, who now supplicate us; and to go thither as soon as possible: and the clerk is ordered to give him a recommendation".

"May 23,1764. Several supplications from North Carolina were presented by the committee of bills and overtures, earnestly praying for supplies, which were read and urged with several verbal relations representing the state of that country. In consequence thereof, Mr. Charles Jef.Smith, a correspondent with this Synod, informed us, that he intended to undertake a journey

to the southward, in which we greatly rejoice, and appoint Mr. Smith to spend as much time as he conveniently can before our next Synod under the direction of the Hanover Presbytery".

4------. The Synod more particularly considering the state of many congregations to the southward, and particularly North Carolina, and the great importance of having those congregations properly organised, appoint the Rev. Messrs. Elihu Spencer and Alexander McWhorter, to go as our missionaries for that purpose; that they form societies, help them in adjusting their bounds, ordain elders, administer sealing ordinances, instruct the people in discipline, and finally direct them in their after conduct, particular in what manner they shall proceed to obtain the stated ministry, and whatever else may appear useful or necessary for those churches and the future settlement of the gospel among them. And also, that they assure those people wherever they go, that this Synod has their interest much at heart, and will neglect no opportunities of affording them proper candidates and supplies to the utmost of our power.---".

"The Synod considering the distressed condition of the frontiers, the calamaties of the Indian war, and the withholding the influence of the Divine Spirit in a great degree from most of our churches, do agree to observe the second Thursday of June throughout our bounds as a day of fasting and prayer, that we may humble ourselves before Almighty God, deprecate his dis-

pleasure, and implore the out-pouring of his Holy Spirit".
"May 16,1765. Messrs. Spencer and McWhorter fulfilled their mission to the southward".
"May 20,1765. The committee for overtures introduced the following calls and supplications, viz. a call for the Rev. Mr. Spencer from Cathy's Settlement and Fourth Creek, which was presented to him; also a supplication for supplies from the inhabitants of North Carolina, living between the waters of Yadkins and Catabaw Rivers, and particularly for the removal of Mr.Spencer and Mr.McWhorter to settle among them; and two other supplications from the congregations of Bethel and Poplar Tent, in Mecklenburg county, in the same colony, for supplies; a supplication was also brought in from the united congregations of New Providence and the Six Mile Spring, in North Carolina, for supplies, and the countenance of the Synod for settling gospel ministers among them; another also, from Hawfield and Little River, in the same colony, for supplies; likewise a supplication for supplies from Long Lanes, in South Carolina".
"May 23,1766. Messrs.Kerr, Duffield, David Caldwell, and Mr. McMordie, who were appointed to go and supply in North Carolina, complied with their appointments".------".
"May 29,1766. A call for the settlement of Mr.Kerr among them was brought in from Steel Creek and New Providence, which was

read. ----- Another call also from Sugar Creek and Rocky River, for the Rev. Mr. Nathan Kerr, was brought in and read".

"-----Another call for Mr.Kerr in this settlement was presented and read, from the united congregation of Centre and Hopewell in Carolina".

"May 28,1767. The following congregations in North Carolina, viz. Sugar Creek, Fishing Creek, Bethel, the Jersey Settlement, Centre Congregation, Poplar Tent, and Rocky River, united in a petition for one or more, of the Rev. Messrs. Spencer, Lewis, McWhorter, and James Caldwell, to be sent there, promising for their encouragement that the sum of eighty pounds be paid by any of these congregations in which he shall choose to spend half of his time, and another eighty pounds by the vacant congregations he shall supply; this petition being read, the several gentlemen mentioned in it were interrogated whether they would comply with this request, to which each of them returned a negative answer.------".

"Motions for supplies were also made in behalf of Williamsburg and places adjacent, Hanover, and Cub Creek, in Virginia; Newburn, Edenton, Fourth Creek, Upper Hico, Haw River, Goshen in the forks of Catawba, the south fork of Catawba, the forks of Yadkin, and Salisbury, in North Carolina; Little River in South Carolina; and Briar Creek in Georgia".

"May 26,1768. A supplication from Steel Creek and Providence,

in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, for supplies, was brought in and read, especially for Mr.Lewis, Mr.McCreary, or Mr.Potter, to continue some time with them in order to settlement".

"May 16,1770. The Synod entered on the consideration of supplies for the distant vacancies in the Carolinas and Georgia. Inquiry was made whether the last year's appointments of supplies for the southern colonies were fulfilled, and it appears that Mr.Josiah Lewis had complied with said appointment, but that none of the others had complied with the same.------".

"A call for Mr.Josiah Lewis from Centre congregation and Hopewell, in North Carolina, was brought in and read".

"May 24,1770. A petition from some members of Hanover Presbytery, requesting that they may be erected into a distinct Presbytery, was brought in and read. The Synod agreed to grant the prayer of said petition, and the Rev. Mr. Hugh McCadden, Henry Pattillo, James Criswell, Joseph Alexander, Hezekiah James Balch, are erected into a Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Orange, in North Carolina, and that their first meeting be at the Hawfields the first Wednesday of September next, and that the Rev. Henry Pattillo open the Presbytery with a sermon. But the vacancies in these parts are allowed the same liberty of applying to the Synod for supplies as they have had in several cases heretofore".

"May 16,1771. It is reported to us that the brethren of North Carolina, who requested last Synod to be set off as a Presbytery

have met and proceeded to business agreeably to the order of Synod".

"May 21,1771. A supplication from Steel Creek, in North Carolina, for supplies, particularly for Mr.J.Lewis, was brought in by the committee of overtures and read".------".

"Mr. Joseph Smith is appointed to visit the southern vacancies, and particularly to spend five weeks at Steel Creek congregation, and two months and three weeks beyond the Catawba river, that he pay particular attention to Dunkin's Creek congregation, and spend as much time there, and at Bullock's Creek, as he possibly can".

"May 19,1779. The Synod taking into consideration the great and increasing decay of vital piety, the degeneracy of manners, want of public spirit, and prevalence of vice and immorality that obtains throughout our land, and that the righteous God, by continuing still to afflict us with the sore calamity of a cruel and barbarous war, is loudly calling the inhabitants to repentance and reformation, and as a means thereto, to deep humiliation, frequent and fervent prayer; and do also renew the recommendation of former Synods to all their congregations, to spend a part of the last Thursday in every month, in social prayer, as their circumstances may admit".

"May 17,1780. Orange Presbytery report, that they have obtained the Rev. Messrs.Craighead, McCrea, and James Templeton, to the work of the gospel ministry, and that they have licensed

Messrs. Jacob Leak and McEwen to preach the gospel".

"May 17,1781. Dr.McWhorter reported to the Synod, that the distressed circumstances of North Carolina, arising from the war, have rendered the objects of his removal thither abortive, and prevented him from obtaining a regular dismission from the Orange Presbytery. Ordered, That Dr.McWhorter be re-united to the New York Presbytery".

"May 16,1782. The Presbytery of Orange reported by letter from their moderator, that they have ordained Messrs. Robert Archibald, Thomas McCade, Thomas Craighead, James McKee, Daniel Thatcher, Samuel McCorkle, James Templeton, John Casson, James Hall, William Hill, to the work of the gospel ministry, and licensed Messrs. Thomas Donnell, David Barr, Samuel Lake, and Francis Cummings, to preach the gospel".

"May 20,1784. The Presbytery of Orange reported, that they have since their last report to Synod, ordained Mr. David Barr, and installed him in the congregation of Sandy river; that they had ordained Mr.Francis Cummings, and installed him in the congregation of Bethel; and also ordained Mr.James McKee, and installed him in the congregation of Steel Creek; that they have licensed Messrs.Robert Finley, Robert Hall, Robert Mecklin, and James Newton, to preach the gospel, and that the Rev. Messrs.John Debow and James Campbell have been removed by death".

"May 21,1784. The Presbytery of Orange represented to Synod that their numbers are so increased, and their bounds so extensive,

as to render it very inconvenient for them to meet in one place. They, therefore, request the Synod to form a number of their members into a distinct Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of South Carolina. The Synod grant their request, and order the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Alexander, Francis Cummings, James Edmunds, John Harris, Thomas Rees, and John Simpson, to be set off from the Orange Presbytery and formed into a Presbytery as aforesaid, and appoint their first meeting to be at the Waxhaws the second Tuesday of April next, at eleven o'clock A.M. and the Rev. James Edmunds to preside in said meeting. The Synod further direct that the line that divides North and South Carolina be in future the line of separation between the Presbytery of Orange and the Presbytery of South Carolina".

"May 17,1787. The Presbytery of South Carolina reported, that pursuant to an order of Synod, the Presbytery of South Carolina met for the first time at the Waxhaws church on the 12th day of April, 1785, and that the Rev. Thomas H. McCaule and James Templeton, having produced regular dismissions from Orange Presbytery in order to join them, were accordingly received as members of that Presbytery; Messrs. Robert Finley, Robert Hall, and Robert Mecklin, late probationers under the care of Orange Presbytery, having produced regular dismissions from the same, in order to put themselves under the care of this Presbytery, were received accordingly; that in June, 1785, they

had ordained and installed Mr. Robert Finlay pastor of the Waxhaws church; that in July they had ordained and installed Mr. Robert Hall pastor of the united churches of Upper Longcane and Saluda; that on July 29th., they had ordained and installed Mr. Robert Mecklin pastor of the united churches of Lower Longcanes and Rocky River ----".

"May 29,1788. Resolved unanimously, That this Synod be divided, and it is hereby divided into four Synods, agreeably to an act made and provided for that purpose in the sessions of Synod in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six; and that this division shall commence on the dissolution of the present Synod.--------

Resolved, That the first meeting of the General Assembly, to be constituted out of the above said four Synods, be held, ------- in the city of Philadelphia -------". (1789)

Resolved, That the Synod of the Carolinas meet on the first Wednesday of November next, at eleven o'clock, A.M. at Centre Church, in Roan county, and that Mr.Patillo, or in his absence, the senior minister present, open the Synod with a sermon, and preside till a moderator be chosen".

NOTES FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A.D. 1789 et seq.

Statistics of General Assembly for Presbytery of Orange in 1789 list, for the Providence neighborhood, the following ministers and churches. viz.

Samuel McCorkle - Thyatira and Third Creek
James Hall - Bethany, Concord and Fourth Creek
Robert Archibald - Rocky River and Poplar Tent
James McKee - Steel Creek

Vacant churches listed include - Centre, Clear Creek, Hopewell, and Providence.

The statistics for the Presbytery of South Carolina show Robert Finley to be minister at the Warhaws Church. Vacant churches in that Presbytery include the names - Providence and Hopewell - to be distinguished!

The General Assembly of 1789 went on record approving heartily the election of General George Washington to the presidency of the United States and in a letter expressing this sentiment concluded with the following paragraph, viz.

" We pray Almighty God, to have you always in his holy keeping. May he prolong your valuable life, an ornament and a blessing to your country, and at last bestow on you the glorious record of a faithful servant. (Signed) John Rodgers, Moderator ".

To this letter the newly-elected president of the United States made reply and the following is quoted from the text of the letter which was incorporated in the General Assembly minutes of May 1790.

" I desire you to accept my acknowledgements for your laudable endeavours to render men sober, honest, and good citizens, and the obedient subjects of a lawful government; as well as for your prayers to Almighty God for his blessing on our common country, and the humble instrument which he had been pleased to make use of in the administration of its government. (Signed) George Washington ".

The figures for the entire presbytery of Orange submitted to the General Assembly meeting in May 1791 show ten ministers, six licentiates and twenty-seven vacant churches. Providence was vacant.

The records of the Presbytery of Orange show a marked increase in the number of ministers between 1791 and 1795. With the report made to General Assembly in 1796 records for the newly-erected Presbytery of Concord are submitted.

The early Concord list is as follows: Ministers - Samuel E. McCorkle, D.D., James Hall, James McRee, David Barr, S. C. Caldwell, James Wallis, Joseph Kilpatrick, Humphrey Hunter, Lewis F. Wilson, John Carriran, Alexander Caldwell, John M. Wilson. Probationers - John Donnar, Samuel Davis, Samuel Holmes, James Adams, John Andrews. Candidates - James Gillespie, Thomas Price, George Means. Thirteen churches were marked as vacant. James Wallis was at Providence.

At the Winchester, Va. meeting of General Assembly in May 179[illegible] James Wallis from New Providence represented the Presbytery of Concord. His name in 1798 and 1799 records of the General Assembly is incorrectly spelled Wallace.

At the May 1800 meetings of the General Assembly at Philadelphia the records of the Presbytery of Concord drop the name " New Providence " for " Providence ". The neighboring church, Steele Creek, is marked as vacant but able to support a minister, for the three reports to the General Assembly of the years 1798, 1799 and 1800.

The revivals which followed shortly after the turn of the 19th. century are referred to in a favorable comment spread in the minutes of the 1804 meeting at Philadelphia.

" The Assembly, moreover, have the unspeakable satisfaction to announce, that the extraordinary influences of the Divine Spirit have, since the last year, been spread over new and very extensive countries still farther to the south and west. To the northwest and north, from the Ohio river to the lakes, a vast region which a few years ago was an uninhabited wilderness, new churches are forming with astonishing rapidity, and the Spirit of God seems to be remarkably poured out, and to accompany the word and ordinances of the gospel with the most solemn and affecting impressions ".

The following minute from the Philadelphia meeting of the General Assembly in May 1807 is of interest.

" —That Mr. John Davis be employed for three months, as a missionary to the blacks in North Carolina and Virginia, and that he be left at discretion as to his route ".

This same year the Presbytery of Concord reported an enrollment of fifteen ministers, one licentiate, thirty-one churches and four

hundred and fourteen communicants. This low figure would place certainly most of the thirty-one churches in the category of "family" churches.

At the report made to the General Assembly in 1812 - the year that the Theological Seminary was organized at Princeton - there were sixteen ministers, one licentiate and forty-nine churches ~~mmmmmm~~ in the Presbytery of Concord.

At the meeting in Philadelphia during May 1813 the following minute was recorded, viz.

"An application from the Synod of the Carolinas, for the division of their Synod, was overtured and read. Whereupon it was Resolved, That the said Synod be divided as follows, viz. That the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, and Fayetteville, be constituted a Synod, to be known by the name of the Synod of North Carolina; to meet at Allemance church on the first ~~Monday~~ Thursday of October next; that the Rev. James Hall, or in case of his absence then the senior member present, open the Synod with a sermon, and preside until a moderator be chosen; and that the Synod meet afterwards on their own adjournments. That the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Hopewell, and Harmony, be constituted a Synod, to be known by the name of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; to meet on the first Thursday in November next, at Upper Long Cane church, and afterwards at their own adjournments; that the Rev. Dr. Henry Kollock, or in case of his absence, then the senior ~~mmmm~~ minister present, preach the opening sermon, and preside until a moderator be elected".

Reference is made at the 1815 meeting of General Assembly to the formation of the American Bible Society in New York City.

The minutes of the meeting of 1816 contain the following of interest, viz.

" We feel constrained here to mention, and we do it with pleasure, that in those States where slavery unhappily prevails, the negroes are treated with more attention than heretofore, and increasing exertions are made to promote their comfort and correct their vices, which are the natural result of their state of bondage".

The Presbytery of Concord the same year reported 2570 total communicants.

There is a single reference to the " Presbytery of Mecklenburg " which would appear to anticipate the Old or Original presbytery by that name whose span of life lasted from 1824 until 1827.

NOTES FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A.D. 1821; et seq.

1821. Presbytery of Concord delegate-commissioner - Robert N. Morrison.

1822. 1823. 1824. 1825.

1825. Presbyterial Register of the Ministers and Licentiates of the Presbyterian Church, with their Address, so far as the same could be ascertained by the Stated Clerk.

(Synod of North Carolina - Presbytery of Mecklenburgh -
Samuel Williamson, P. New Providence. ¶Others -
Samuel C. Caldwell, P. Sugar Creek
Humphrey Hunter, P. Steele Creek
John Robinson, P. Poplar-tent
John M. Wilson, P. Rocky River
John Williamson, P. Hopewell
Walter C. Pharr, W.C. (without charge)
Nicholson R. Morgan, C.S. Cheraw, N.C. (stated supply)

(Statistical Report figures. Total Communicants, New Providence-180. Nashaw and Six mile Creek 64. Hopewell and Paw Creek 318. Rock River and Philadelphia 385. Poplar-tent and Ramah 364. Steele Creek and Goshen 280. Sugar Creek 330.

1826. New Providence, 181.

1827. Providence and Six Mile Creek, P. (pastorate of two churches. Statistics not given for total communicants)

1828. Only total figure for Mecklenburgh Presbytery given, i.e. 1645 communicants.

Register of Ministers and Licentiates shows Samuel Williamson to be pastor incumbent at New Providence

1829. (Samuel Williamson, pastor. New Providence and Six-Mile Creek together with other former "Mecklenburgh Presbytery" Churches again listed under Concord.)

1830. (reference made to 1829 report - no figures given)

1831. Samuel Williamson, Pastor. Communicants at Providence numbered 240.

1832. Samuel Williamson, Pastor, Providence & Cheraw. 192 communicants. (The figures would indicate 1831 - 1832 returns)

1833. Providence and Sharon, Samuel Williamson, Pastor. Total communicants 208.

1834. Providence and Sharon, Samuel Williamson, Pastor. Total communicants 206.

1835. ——.

1836. Providence and Sharon, Samuel Williamson, Pastor. Total communicants 216.

1837. Providence and Sharon, Samuel Williamson, Pastor. Total communicants 214.

1838. Samuel Williamson a commissioner to this General Assembly from Concord Presbytery together with three other delegates.

Total communicants, Providence and Sharon, 210.

1839. Providence and Sharon, Samuel Williamson, Pastor. Total communicants 186.

1840. Providence and Sharon, Cyrus Johnson, Pastor, Total communicants 200. Samuel Williamson listed at Professor and as Stated Supply at Bethel Church in Concord Presbytery.

1841. Providence and Sharon, Cyrus Johnson, Pastor. Total communicants 186. Robert H. Morrison listed as without charge and as stated supply at Fourth Creek. Samuel Williamson listed as professor and as Stated Supply, Davidson College.

1842. Providence and Sharon, Cyrus Johnson, Pastor. Total communicants 191. Samuel Williamson listed as President and as Pastor, Davidson College.

1843. Providence and Sharon, Cyrus Johnson, Pastor. Total communicants 195.

1844. Providence and Sharon, Cyrus Johnson, Pastor. Total communicants 214. Robert H. Morrison, stated supply at Unity Church, Concord Presbytery.

1845. Providence and Sharon, Cyrus Johnson, Pastor. Total communicants 200.

1846. Providence marked Vacant. Sharon marked Vacant. Cyrus Johnson, stated supply, Charlotte, N.C. (communicants 50).

1847. Providence and Sharon, R. S. Sherrill, stated supply. Total communicants 200. R.S.S. a licentiate. J.J. at Charlotte.

1848. Providence and Sharon, S. C. Pharr, stated supply. Total communicants 200. (S.C.P. a licentiate).

1849. Providence and Sharon, S.C.Pharr, Pastor. Total communicants 180. Pastor's address given as Sharon, N.C.

1850. Providence and Sharon, S.C.Pharr, Pastor. Total communicants 242. (62 additional communicants in the church year must be a Providence and Sharon record! - [illegible])

1851. Providence and Sharon, S.C.Pharr, Pastor. Total communicants 237.

1852. Cyrus Johnson was a commissioner to General Assembly from Concord Presbytery. Samuel Williamson also.
Providence and Sharon, S.C.Pharr, Pastor. Total communicants 268.

1853. Samuel C. Pharr, Pastor of Providence, was one of the delegates to the General Assembly in this year. Total communicants reported for Providence and Sharon 249.

Rocky River was the largest church in the Presbytery this year.

1854. The report from Providence and Sharon to the General Assembly meeting in May this year shows a banner year. S.C. Pharr was pastor. Thirty-six adults and forty-five infants received baptism and a total of one hundred and seventeen new additions were made to the church membership.

1856. At the close of the Pharr pastorate Providence and Sharon together ranked third in the Presbytery of Concord in the number of communicants. Rocky River was first and Pender Cent second. Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill were a close fourth.

The pulpit is marked vacant this year and reference is made in the report to L. L. Stewart, a licentiate, with a Statesville address, against the listing of the two churches.

1857. Jethro Rumple now pastor. The combined churches of Providence and Sharon had now dropped to sixth place in the Presbytery in the number of communicants. The communicant total of 305 included 79 negroes. The meeting place of the General Assembly this year was Lexington, Ky. The Minutes list Dr. S. C. Pharr as at Knoxville, Tenn.

1858. The Moderator of the General Assembly, William A. Scott, in his " narrative " makes special mention of a spiritual outpouring in the colleges during the past year. He makes reference

to Davidson College by name.

Jethro Rumple is listed as pastor at Providence and Sharon with his address at Sharon P.O., Sharon, N.C.

Dr. S.C.Pharr is listed at Hopewell.

1859. For the first time the statistics on Providence and Sharon appear divided, viz.

Sharon: Communicants 175 Coloured 33 Sunday Sch.150
Providence: " 166 " 56 " " 50

1860. The pastor, Jethro Rumple, was a commissioner from the Presbytery of Concord to the General Assembly which met this year at Rochester, N.Y.

Sharon: Communicants 171 Coloured 33 Sunday Sch. 170
Providence: " 157 " 52 " " 75

At the May 1861 meeting of the General Assembly in Philadelphia there were no delegates from the Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas.

1861. Statistics in the minutes of this General Assembly which anticipated the formation of a separate Southern Church show a licentiate, Robert Z. Johnston, to be at Providence and Sharon, which pulpits are marked vacant.

Jethro Rumple is listed at Salisbury. S.C. Pharr at Hopewell. Samuel Williamson was living in Washington, Arkansas.

Sharon: Communicants 166 Coloured 43
Providence: " 161 " 54

On the eve of the division of the church this General Assembly on May 28, 1861 passed the following resolution, viz. " That in view of the present agitated and unhappy condition of this country, Monday, the first day of July next, be hereby set apart as a day of prayer throughout our bounds, and that on that day ministers and people are called upon humbly to confess and bewail our national sins, to offer thanks to the Father of lights for his abundant and undeserved goodness to us as a nation, to seek his guidance and blessing upon our rulers, and their councils, as well as upon the Congress then about to assemble, and to implore him, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest of the Christian profession, to turn away his anger from us, and speedily restore to us the blessings of a safe and honourable peace ".

EXTRACT FROM THE RECORDS OF THE SYNOD OF THE CAROLINAS; RELATION TO THE SETTING OFF OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD. VIIIth. SESSION * NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH, 2nd.OCT. 1795 -

OVERTURED: THAT THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE BE DIVIDED INTO TWO Presbyteries -
WHEREUPON, Resolved, that said Presbytery be divided by a line running along the Yadkin River -
That the Revd. Henry Pattillo, David Caldwell, Colin Lindsey, David Kerr, William Moore, William Hodge, James McCready, John Robinson and James H. Bowman retain the name of the Presbytery of Orange.
That those members meet at New Hope on the third Wednesday of November next.
That the Revd. Samuel E. McCorkle, James Hall, James McRee, David Barr, Samuel C. Caldwell, James Wallis, Joseph D. Kirkpatrick, Lewis F. Wilson, Humphrey Hunter, Alexander Caldwell, John M. Wilson and John Carrigan be known by the name of the Presbytery of Concord which members are to meet at Centre Church on the last Tuesday of March 1796 -
That Mr. Wallis preach and preside until another Moderator be chosen;after which session they are to sit on their own adjournment; provided that it should appear necessary to the above members to call a pro-re-nata meeting on account of an object now in view, before the time specified above, Mr. Wallis is hereby authorized to call such a meeting.
That the Presbyterial records be retained by the Presbytery of Orange, and that theClerk chosen at the last sessionof that Presbytery retain such extracts as may be necessary for the direction of the Presbytery of Concord provided ~~that~~ also that on account of the proximity of the Congregation of the Jersey Settlement to the Presbytery of Concord, that Society is to be considered under the care of that Presbytery -
The Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Revd. David Caldwell as soon as convenient.

A true copy from the Records of the Synod of the Carolinas -
VIII Session New Providence Church, 2nd.Oct.1795.
Attest: Wm.S.Lacy
Stated Clerk, Synod N.Carolina.

(The next few pages give details of first and second sessions of the new Presbytery and thereafter the sessions in order)

(The 14th.Session of the new Presbytery of Concord convened at New Providence Church, March 30th., 1802.)

(The Presbytery of Concord convened at New Providence April 1, 1806.)

(" " " " " " " " April 7,1812.)

(Providence Church place of Presbytery meeting April 3rd.1821.

" Back Creek Church April 4th.1820. ——" It is also to be recorded that our worthy ' respected brother the Rev. James Wallis departed this life on the 27th day of Decr. last ".

" Providence Church, April 3rd.1821. ——. " Calls were introduced in favor of Mr. Robert H. Morrison from Providence for three fourths & one fourth from Unity for one fourth of his ministerial labors: These calls were presented and accepted by Mr. Morrison. The representatives from the respective congregations preferred their request that Mr. Morrison be ordained as soon as practicable. Whereupon Resolved that Presbytery meet at Providence on the 20th. day of the present month to attend to the ordination of Mr.Morrison - That the Rev. John M. Wilson preach the ordination sermon, & the Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell preside and give the charge - That Mr. Morrison prepare for delivery before the presbytery a sermon on 1 Jno. 2:22 and a lecture on the 15th.Psalm, and that he prepare for examination as required by our directory in that case —".

(Presbytery met again on this date at the home of Mr. Stitt.)

(Mr. Morrison was examined by Presbytery on April 20th.1821 and ordained the following day, April 21st.,1821 in Providence Church).

(At Lincolnton meeting of Presbytery April 3rd.1822, R. H. Morrison resigns his pastorate of Providence and Unity. The reasons do not appear. However, the following resolution follows, viz.

"On Motion, Resolved that Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell repair to the congregation of Providence as soon as practicable and use his influence to quiet whatever commotions may appear (if any) to spring out of this affair; and to adopt such measures as in his discretion he may conceive to be calculated to promote the spiritual interests of that people".

(Mr. Morrison dismissed in good standing to Presbytery of Fayetteville.)

(Centre Church meeting of Presbytery, Oct.5th.1822. —" The Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell reported that he had agreeably to the

appointment of our last Stated Session, repaired to the Providence congre ation and that he flatters himself that that congregation may be considered as in a promising condition ".

(Supplies at Providence during interim between Morrison and Williamson from Presbytery assignments for vacant churches include the names of John Williamson and Samuel Williamson.)

(Steele Creek meeting of Presbytery, April 1st.1823 ——
" A call was also introduced and read from the congregation of Providence for the whole of the ministerial labors of Mr. Samuel Williamson, a licentiate under our care, which call was likewise presented to Mr. Williamson and accepted by him."

"Whereas Messrs Stafford & Williamson on yesterday accepted calls for settlement in the congregations of Purity & Providence, Resolved that Presbytery meet at Providence on Friday preceding the last Sabbath in May to proceed in the ordination of Mr. Williamson - That Mr. Williamson prepare a lecture on 1 Jno.3: 1 - 10, and a sermon on 1 Cor. 1:30 to be delivered before the Presbytery; and for examination as usual in the case of ordination - that the Rev. Sam. C. Caldwell preach the ordination sermon & the Rev. John Robinson preside & give the charge ———".

(Mr. Williamson was ordained at New Providence, May 23, 1823.)

(He occasionally supplied Six Mile Creek Church.)

(Here the minutes are interrupted by the formation of Mecklenburg Presbytery - see elsewhere - until October 6, 1827)

"Extract from the Minutes of the Synod of N.Carolina. Fourteenth Session of the Synod of N.Carolina - Salisbury, Saturday, Oct. 6th. 1827. Resolved that the Presbyteries of Concord & Mecklenburg be, after the meetings to which these Presbyteries now stand adjourned, united in one presbytery under the name of the Presbytery of Concord; that their first meeting when thus united, be held at Centre Church, in the County of Iredell., to commence on the First Thursday next - that the Rev. James McRee, D.D. or in his absence, the senior minister present, open the presbytery with a sermon, and preside until a moderator be chosen - and that said presbytery, afterwards, meet on their own adjournment. A true copy from the minutes of Synod - (Signed) Colin McIver, Stated Clerk.

(This reunion was consummated as indicated)

(At the Poplar Tent meeting of the Presbytery on March 11th, 1840 the request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Samuel Williamson and Providence was granted)

"Calls were presented to Presbytery from the congregations of Providence and Sharon for the ministerial labors of the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, which being read and found in order were put into the hands of Mr. Johnston for his consideration".

(Mr. Johnston accepted these calls on March 13, 1840.)

(Buck Creek, Sept.24, 1840. " The Committees appointed to install Rev. Cyrus Johnson Pastor of Providence and Sharon reported that they had attended to that duty ".

(The Presbytery of Concord met at Providence Church April 12, 1843) James Matthews was Ruling Elder commissioner from the Providence Church.

1843 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Total Communicants 195.
1844 " " " " " " 217.

(The Presbytery met at Sharon on March 26, 1845)

1845 " " " " " " 209.

(Providence and Sharon Vacant in 1846. " " 211.

Strangely, the address and assignment is as follows:-

" Stephen Frontis, Providence & Sharon, V. , Salisbury, N.C. "
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1847 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Total Commun. 200.

(Rocky River meeting of Presbytery, April 15, 1848 ——" The calls from the congregations of Providence and Sharon for the pastoral services of Mr. S.J.Starr, were, on motion, placed in his hands ". ——

"The time and place of the next regular meeting of Presbytery was taken up. This was postponed for the present, the hour for the order of the day having arrived, viz: the Sermon on Popery. This Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Johnston from Is. VIII:20 " To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them ". After the preaching of this sermon, Presbytery took a recess of half an hour ".

1843 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Church. Tot.Comm. ——
(omitted - churches still vacant. S.C.Pharr, however, now stated supply).

(S.C.Pharr was examined on May 19, 1843 and ordained at Sharon on May 20, 1843, and installed pastor of Providence and Sharon.

1849 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Church. Tot. Comm. 180
1850 " " " " " " 242
1851 " " " " " " 237

(Presbytery of Concord met at Providence, April 8, 1852)

" A petition was presented and read from sundry citizens of Monroe and Vicinity, asking to be organized into a church to be called the Presbyterian Church of Monroe. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Rev. Messers P.T.Penick and R.W.Lafferty with Mr.Matthew McCall Elder, were appointed a committee to organize said church, if the way be open ".

(S.C.Pharr shared in ministry to the newly formed church)
-also Wadesboro and other vacant churches-
1852 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Church. Tot. Comm. 260
1853 " " " " " " " 240
1854 " " " " " " " 300
(of which 101 were colored)
(Goshen Church meeting of Presbytery April 5, 1855. A minute is inserted in the Presbyterial minutes concerning the death of Cyrus Johnston Jan.25,1855 and tribute)

(Meeting of Presbytery at Statesville, Nov. 6, 1856 " Mr. Jethro Purple signified to Presbytery his willingness to accept the calls placed in his hands f on the churches of Sharon and Providence. Whereupon it was referred to the committee on Supplies to make arrangements for his ordination and installation ".

1855 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Churches. Tot.Com.364
(of which 68 were colored)
1856 " " " " (of " Tot.Com.364 ")

(L.L.Stewart, address, Statesville, N.C. given as Mountain opposite to churches listed above)

(J. Purple ordained and installed at Sharon Jan.9,1857 and at Providence Jan.11,1857)

1857 Statistics. Providence and Sharon Churches Tot.Comm.305
1858 " " " " " Tot.Com.305
(of which 51 were colored)

1860 Statistics Providence Tot.Comm. 157. (of which 52 col.)
" Sharon " " 171 " " 33 "

(Unity Church meeting of Presbytery Oct. 19, 1860. ——
" The commissioner from the church of Salisbury was heard, showing reasons why they asked for the translation of Rev. J. Rumple from his present charge, the churches of Sharon and Providence. A letter from the church of Sharon was read, and the commissioners from Providence and Sharon churches were heard in opposition to Rev. J. Rumple's removal.")

(Given his choice by Presbytery J.Rumple accepts the Salisbury Church).

1861 Statistics. Providence. Tot. Comm. 168 (of which 43 colored)
Sharon " " 161 " " 54 "

(Lenoir meeting of Presbytery. " Calls were presented and read from the united churches of Sharon and Providence for the services of Mr. R.Z.Johnston, promising $400.00 for one half of his time. These calls being in our form were placed in his hands for consideration." (These were accepted).

(Providence meeting of Presbytery, Nov.16,17,1861. R.Z.Johnston ordained and installed on latter date). (Sharon meeting of Presbytery's committee ordained and installed R.Z.Johnston on Nov.16, 1861.

1862 Statistics. Providence Tot.Comm. 218 (55 colored)
Sharon " " 150 46 "

PRESBYTERIAL BOOK OR THE RECORDS OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY --
CHARTER GRANTED by the SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 1824.

Eleventh session of the Synod of North Carolina. Statesville, Iredell County, Saturday 9th. October 1824.

Resolved, that so much of the Presbytery heretofore known by the name of the Presbytery of Concord, aslies south of the North Western boundaries of the counties of Cabarrus & Mecklenburg, and of a line running down the Catawba River from the Mecklenburg line to Tools-ford, and thence to Fulenwoders Forge on the South fork of the Catawba River in North Carolina, and North East of the south fork of the Catawba to its junction with the main river - thence down the Catawba to the Southern boundary of the original Concord Presbytery, with the exception of the congregation of Unity on the East which is connected with Ebenezer on the West of sd river, including the Revd Messers Samuel C. Caldwell, Humphrey Hunter, John Robinson, John M. Wilson, John Williamson, Samuel Williamson, Walter S. Pharr and Nicholson R. Morgan, be, and they are hereby constituted a ~~Presbytery~~ Presbytery to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg; that they hold their first sessions at New Providence Church on the first Tuesday of April next; that the Revd. Samuel C. Caldwell, or in case of his absence, the senior Minister present preach a sermon on the occasion and preside until a Moderator be chosen; - that sd Presbytery afterwards meet on their own adjournments; - that such of the Licentiates and candidates under the direction of Presbytery heretofore known by the name of the Presbytery of Concord, as reside within the above specified limits, be connected with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg which Presbytery shall also be entitled to one third of the funds of the original Presbytery of Concord, if there be at this time any funds in their Treasury.

Ordered that sd Presbytery of Mecklenburg be furnished with such documents as it may be necessary for them to possess.

Truely extracted from the minutes of Synod
(Signed) Colin McIver Std.Clk.
John D. Davis Clk Pro.Tem.

Transcribed into the records of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg by (Signed) John Williamson Std.Clk.

(All handwriting that of John Williamson - M.D.H.)

(The first session of this Presbytery met at Providence Church April 5 and 6, 1825.

Rocky River 1825 Sept.6 and 7.
Charlotte Nov.30,1825
Meadow, April 5, 1826
Sugar Creek, Sept.5, 1826
Steel Creek, April 3, 1827
Sugar Creek, June 8, 1827
Hopewell, Sept 7, 1827 and Sept.8
Poplar-Tent April 4, 1828

(Presbytery of Concord considered division of Presbytery at Rocky River meeting, April 26, 1867. Committee appointed. This committee reported adversely at Asheville meeting, Aug. 30, 1867. Another committee appointed at the Lincolnton meeting Sept.25, 1868. The subject was further pursued April 30, 1869 at the Castanea Grove meeting, and at the Davidson River meeting of Sept.4, 1869 at which time Synod was overtured; the overture revised. It was adopted as amended at Morganton, Oct.15, 1869. To be known as the "Presbytery of Mecklenburg".)

(The Minutes of Concord Presbytery particularly in 1873 contain the proceedings of charges against S. C. Pharr- D.D.L.) and the trial.

TEXT OF THE OVERTURE TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ITS MORGANTON SESSION OF Oct. 15, 1869.

" The Presbytery of Concord being persuaded that the work of the Lord would be more efficiently performed, and at the same time much labor, expense and time saved, by a division of its territory, churches, ministers and candidates, most respectfully overtures the venerable Synod of North Carolina to set off from the territory of Concord Presbytery, in order to form a new Presbytery to be called " The Presbytery of Mecklenburg ", the following counties, viz: Anson, Union, such part of Mecklenburg as lies south and west of a line beginning at Beattie's Ford on Catawba River and running thence with the road to Concord Town until said road meets the Cabarrus County line, Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay and Cherokee; with the following churches, ministers and candidates, viz.

Churches - Bethel, Millard Creek, Charlotte, Sugar Creek, Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Hopewell, Caldwell, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Providence, Sharon, Waxhaw, Lebanon, Unity, Castanea Grove, Mechpelah, Goshen, New Hope, Olney, Dallas, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Shelby, Little Brittain, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Swannanoa, Asheville, Flat Creek, Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidson's River, Bethel (Haywood county), Franklin, Ebenezer, Hiwassee and Beulah.

Ministers - R.H.Morrison,D.D., J.W.Morrison, J.D.Hall, Walter W. Pharr, John Douglas, Robert Burwell, A.W.Miller,D.D., W.D.Paris,M. J.C.Williams, R.S.Johnston, Wm.McDonald, R.T.Anderson, J.M.M. Freeman, E.W.Davis, J.S.Durr, John J. Kennedy, W.Wm Blackwell, Robert H. Chapman,DD., Thos.E.Davis, W.H.Morrison, E.E.Banks, Wm.Graves and Jacob Wood.

Candidates - C.N. Hutchinson, T.P.Maxwell, Charles N. Douglass, George Surney and James N. Morrison.

This Presbytery of Mecklenburg will thus embrace 17 counties, 38 churches, 23 ministers and 5 candidates. Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

(Signed) R. Z. Johnston, Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery.

Morganton, N.C. October 15, 1869.

(The committee on Bills and Overtures then made its report and the report was adopted and the Presbytery of Mecklenburg erected Oct.16, 1869 with its first meeting appointed at Morganton on this same date - J.D.H.)

"SKETCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA"-REV. WILLIAM HENRY FOOTE. CHAPTER "NEW PROVIDENCE AND ITS MINISTERS".

"About twelve miles south of Charlotte, on one of the routes to Camden, you will find a beautiful oak grove, through which the great road passes, the place of assemblage for the worship of God, of the church and congregation of New Providence, or Providence, as it is now more commonly called. Here, as in revolutionary times, are gathered from Sabbath to Sabbath, the inhabitants of a large section of country, which was the scene of many thrilling incidents, when Lord Cornwallis, with his royal army, tested the principles of the North Carolina Presbyterians. The name of the congregation was adopted from one in Pennsylvania, and as an acknowledgement of a kind providence in the circumstances of the settlement of the congregation, particularly in their being unmolested by the Indians.

"Owing to the distance of this country from a printing press, before and for some time after the revolution, few books or pamphlets are to be found under the name of any of the Presbyterian ministers that labored so unremittingly among the churches of this interesting population. The law of custom had decided that the destruction of manuscripts was a part of preparation for death, as solemn and indispensible as the making the last will and testament. Very little of the records of the thoughts of these men have been preserved from this destruction. And the unfortunate burning of some houses, together with the carelessness

of those who might have rescued some things from oblivion, leaves the present generation in wondering ignorance of the trials, and energy, and principles of those brave and excellent men.

"The grave of but one minister is found in the burial-place at Providence. Step into the yard a few paces from the church, and among the chiselled names of Stitt, Potts, McKee, Rea, Patterson, McCullock, and Matthews, the oldest of which bears date of 1764, you will find the plain monument of Wallis, who served the congregation from 1792 till 1819. His mother's monument you will find in the old grave-yard of Sugar Creek, in the corner opposite to Craighead's sassafras trees. Of the previous ministers the accounts are scanty, especially as the congregation was not so fortunate as some of its neighbors in retaining its ministers for a protracted period. Of Mr. Wallis, we shall say more in the close of this chapter.

"Settlements in the bounds of this congregation were made about the same time as those in Sugar Creek, and Steel Creek, and Rocky River, and by the same kind of emigrants. The first ministerial labors the settlement enjoyed, beside what they could receive from Mr.Craighead, were from the Rev. William Richardson, who was licensed by Hanover Presbytery, at a meeting at Capt.Anderson's, in Cumberland, Virginia, Jan.25th 1755. On the 18th of July following, at the first meeting of the Presbytery after the union of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia

held in Cumberland, Mr. Richardson and Mr.Pattillo were ordained. He was appointed to attend at Rocky River on the 27th of the September following, to perform the installation services for Mr.Craighead, being on his way to the Cherokees. How long he remained with the Cherokees is not known. In 1761, he reported as having left Hanover Presbytery, and joined the Presbytery in South Carolina, not in connection with the Synod. In 1762, the Presbytery sustained his reasons for joining that Presbytery without dismission from his own, with which he was in regular connection.

"Mr.Richardson was the maternal uncle of the famous Wm.Richardson Davie, so noted in the southern war, adopted him as his son, superintended his education, and made him heir of an estate, every shilling of which Davie expended in equipping the corps of which he was made Major in 1780.

"How long he preached in Providence is not known. His residence was in South Carolina.

"The first elders in the church were Andrew Rea, Archibald Crocket, Joshua Ramsey, and Aaron Howie. For some time previous to the organization of the church in 1765, there had been but one place acknowledged as the place of worship by the people of this congregation, and that is the grove where the meeting-house now stands, in the shade of whose trees the first public worship was celebrated until a house was built.

"In 1766, there is a notice on the records of the Synod of "a

call for settlement among them, from Steel Creek and New Providence'. About this time Mr.Robert Henry, who gathered the church on Cub Creek, Virginia, resolved, after ministering to that charge for a number of years, to leave them; and an engagement was made for his services in these two congregations. By the records of the Hanover Presbytery, it appears he was dismissed from the Cub Creek in 1766; and his death is reported to Presbytery as having taken place May 8th,1767.

"The following articles of agreement between Providence and Clear Creek (now called Philadelphia) have been preserved by Mr.Queary. 'Whereas, the representation of both congregations doth unanimously agree among themselves, in the names of both the aforesaid congregations, to stand and abide by each other from time to time through all difficulties, in order to obtain the labors of a gospel minister, that is to say, the one-half of his labors to one congregation, and the other to the other. And for a true and sincere union for the truth of the aforesaid articles, the representation of both congregations hath hereunto subscribed their names, Jan.27th,1770. New Providence - John Ramsey, James Linn, John Hagens, James Houston, Andrew Reah, James Draffen, James Johnston, James Teate, Thomas Black, Robert Stewart: Clear Creek - Adam Alexander, Matthew Stewart, John Queary, Michael Ligget, John Ford'".

"Two of the above names appear in the list of the Mecklenburg Declaration, viz: - Adam Alexander and John Queary, which

shows that the men were public-spirited men, that formed this representation. But we have no memoranda now to inform us of the effects of this union upon the religious concerns of the congregation. Neither have we any detailed account of the ecclesiastical concerns of the congregation during the arduous struggle of the Revolution. It is known that Thomas Reese preached in Mecklenburg for some time when the other congregations were generally supplied with at least some part of the services of a minister; and that from his pen emanated some of the effective papers that moved the inhabitants of Mecklenburg; he is supposed to have given some part of his time to Providence. Mr. McRee came from Steel Creek to supply the pulpit, for some time, as he says he often rode from home to preach for them on the Sabbath. Mr. Archibald came over from Rocky River and Poplar Tent, and supplied them for a season. The Rev. David Barr labored in the bounds for some time, but did not make it his permanent residence.

"The congregation lying on the route of the armies moving north or south, suffered its full share in the plunderings which, by the account of the British historians, were severe, at the time Cornwallis moved on to Charlotte. The night before he approached that village, he encamped in Providence, on the ground occupied by Colonel Davie, with the few American forces that behaved so nobly when united to the few militia and volunteers that joined them in Charlotte, 'keeping in check the whole Brit-

army'. The greatest trial in the war was upon those neighborhoods and sections of country subjected to the plunderings of the army of the king. It was not a sudden and great danger, or even bloodshed, in a good cause, by assault or regular battle, in which the excitement of the occasion carries the spirit triumphant through. But an annoyance in the smaller matters of property, and the private concerns; a taking away of the comfort of domestic life, a harassing of defenseless females and helpless age and children; and this continued from day to day, when all the enthusiasm of excitement had spent its force; and principle itself could scarce sustain the accumulated weight of numberless petty privations and aggravations, crowned as theye sometimes were with conflagration and butchery, that entailed exile or poverty. It is a matter of admiration that under the pressure of all these evils so few of the inhabitants in Mecklenburg ever thought of deserting the cause of liberty, or of 'taking protection', though many families saw their wealth swept with a merciless hand. And the few that yielded in the trial were subjects of commiseration rather than of severe censure and harsh denunciation.

"James Wallis, who was the first minister that gave protracted service to Providence, spent his ministerial life in the congregation. He was born in 1762, in Sugar Creek, son of Ezekiel Wallis. His early education was at Liberty Hall in Charlotte; and his college course was completed at Hillsborough, South

Carolina, under Dr.Barr. He was ordained pastor in 1792, by the Presbytery of Orange, and never changed his congregation till death.

"Soon after entering upon his office in this congregation, commenced a new and till then unknown conflict about the Bible. That the Presbyterian ministers south of Yadkin had been true patriots, no man inthe country, or in the British army, pretended to deny. Their names were not unknown in the camp; and the pulpits of the seven churches poured forth the highest intellectual efforts in discussing the rights of man, and sustaining the sinking spirits of the distressed country, by the abounding consolations of the word of God. The minister and his congregation prayer, - the father in his family prayed,- the soldier in his tent, and in the woods, prayed, - and the commander at the head of the forces often commenced the march with prayer. And it was no idle form of prayer, but a pouring out of the heart to God Almighty for his protection in the struggle for liberty and truth.

"Dr. Robinson of Poplar Tent, used to tell an anecdote of an old gentleman, by the name of Alexander, in one of the neighboring congregations, that did not think of neglecting his religious duties though called into camp as a soldier. Being sent out to intercept some tories, very early one morning, when his post was assigned him, with the general orders to wait their near approach and take sure aim, he took the opportunity for

a few moments of devotion. Taking off his hat he knelt down in the attitude of a worshipper; upon the near approach of the enemy he resumed his post and waited the signal. The unhappy tory that encountered the shot of his rifle fell dead. The whole party of tories were soon dispersed or taken. As in the time of Cromwell the praying soldiers did not run or play the coward. "When the war was over, then came the other contests of fearful import, whose influence was felt everywhere, but nowhere in Carolina with more violence than in Mecklenburg county. The authority of the king had been discussed and set aside; the battle between the crown and the people had been fought, and won by the people. Then came the discussion about the dominion of conscience- what should govern conscience, philosophy or the Bible? Should philosophy dictate to the Bible, or the Bible to all the world? The authority of the Bible underwent a sifting discussion, such as Carolina had never seen, and may never see again. From the nature of the case that discussion was vehement in Mecklenburg, and from accidental circumstances embittered in Providence. A debating society,- and debating societies for political purposes were common in those days, - was formed in the region of country embracing a part of Sugar Creek, and Steel Creek and Providence, and furnished with a circulating library, replete with infidel philosophy and infidel sentiments on religion and morality. Everything of a religious nature was called in question and discussed; and the standard of opposition

was raised with a boldness becoming a better cause. Caldwell of Sugar Creek, and Wallis of Providence, brothers in the ministry, and sons-in-law of John M'Knitt Alexander, were in the hottest of the battle, as infidelity is never so outrageous as when it takes its seat, or strives to take it, in a Christian community. "With different natural temperament, they met the strife like courageous men: Caldwell, cool, clear and amiable, and loved where he could not convince; Wallis, clear, strong, ardent, and more dreaded though less loved; both unfaltering, and unwearied and honored. Caldwell left politics to other hands, and preached the gospel; Wallis proclaimed the great principles of democracy as part of his creed; and asserted, with them, the unlimited control of the word of God in all matters pertaining to conscience, whether public or private. He prepared a pamphlet in which were condensed the arguments of Watson, Baley and Leslie, and circulated it among his people and through the country. A pamphlet as well calculated to produce the effect designed - the exhibition of the evidences of revelation in contradiction to all infidel notions - has seldom been issued from the press. A reprint would be advantageous where discussion on the subject of revelation is called for.

"The debating society embraced wealth and talent, and for a time maintained the contest with spirit. Emigration to Tennessee, in which the library was carried across the mountains, and the great revival of 1802 broke it up.

"While this discussion was going on, and men were arguing for and against the Bible with excited and sometimes angry feelings, another cause of unhappiness arose. Mr. Wallis had occasion to be absent a few Sabbaths, and obtained the favor of Rev. Wm.C. Davis, to supply his pulpit one Sabbath. Mr. Davis, on the day of his supply, made use of the version of Psalms by Watts. As the congregation had never agreed to introduce this version, and as many families were opposed to their use in public worship, offence was taken; and the blame was thrown on Mr. Wallis as having been privy to the matter. The discontented withdrew, and for a time worshipped in a building about three hundred yards from the old stand; this, however, was soon abandoned, and the seceding families now worship at Sardis, about seven miles distant; the subject of Psalmody being the principal matter of division.

"The great revival of 1802 and onward, a particular account of which is given in the chapter on James M'Gready and the great revival, had a happy influence on this congregation. A camp-meeting was held within their bounds, commencing Friday, March 23d, 1802, at which it was supposed from five to six thousand persons were present. To accommodate this great assemblage, after a sermon at the public stand in the centre, about 9 o'clock, worship continued at five different places. For the first three days little impression was made, and the opinion that 'all was the work of man, and the effects of the power of oratory', which

had been circulated by those inclined to believe in the infidel notions, was gaining ground. But on Sabbath night a great impression was visible, and before the close of the meeting a large number were hopeful converts; and among these were some that had been prominent in their unbelief. There are some living today this day who were converts at that meeting, whose lives have been those of consistent Christians.

"Mr. Wallis taught a classical school many years. The deep conviction, that purity of religion and morals could not long survive the introduction of an ignorant ministry into the pulpit, urged on the ministers of the Presbyterian church to unremitting efforts to establish and keep alive high schools. In these efforts they received the aid of intelligent laymen, who were impelled by the full belief, that the welfare of the body politic is for ever indissolubly united with mental cultivation and the correct training of the moral principles. Long has the academy stood near Providence church, and there may it long stand. The church and the school-house were inseparable in the early Presbyterian settlements. Mr. Wallis taught school successfully, and his successors have kept the doors of the academy open for the youth of Mecklenburg; and when the actors of the present generation have passed from the stage, their record will say of many of them, that their education was commenced, and of others, that it was finished there. It does not

appear that Mr. Wallis was driven to school-keeping by poverty of his means; but from the necessity of the country at large, and his congregation in particular.

"Mr. Wallis was for some time before his death a member of the board of trustees of the University. This shows the estimation in which he was held by his political friends, when there were so many Presbyterian ministers of eminence as teachers, from whom to choose.

"Mr. Wallis was of stature rather below middling height, small in person, quick in his motions, and elastic in his movements; excitable in his temper, warm in his attachments, ardent in his delivery of sermons, and not subject to fear. His congregation flourished under his ministry. He finished his course in the year 1819, in the 57th year of his age, and the 27th of his ministry.

"In the year 1829, the Rev. Samuel Williamson was called and settled as pastor; in this office he continued till his removal to the presidency of Davidson college in the year 1840. During his ministry, about the year 1831, those members of Providence living on the north side of McAlpin's Creek, from four to ten miles from Providence church, with a few other families, were organized as a separate church and congregation by the name of Sharon, to which a part of the labors of the pastor, Mr. Williamson, was given.

"Providence abounds in localities of revolutionary interest. A complete history of the southern war will bring to notice many places now fast passing even from traditionary remembrance.

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INFORMATION ON PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTERS AND KNOWN SUPPLIES THERE LISTED.

Robert Hall Morrison. Ordained by Concord Presbytery Ap.21,1821.

Samuel Williamson. Licensed by Concord Presbytery Ap.14, 1822. Ordained May 24, 1827. Providence Church 1827 - 1840. Prof. Davidson 1840 -. President 1841 - 1854.

Richard Ellis Sherrill. Licensed by Concord Presbytery ap.31, 1846. Stated Supply Providence & Sharon 1846.

Jethro Rumple. Licensed by Concord Presbytery Jl.31, 1856. Ordained Ja.9, 1857. Stated Supply Providence and Sharon 1856-1860.

Robert Zomas Johnston. Licensed by Concord Presbytery Ap.13,1861 and Ordained Nov.17,1861. Pastor Providence and Sharon 1861-1871.

William Banks. Providence stated supply and Unity Church, Fort Hill, S.C., pastor, 1872 - 1875

William Henry Davis. Stated Supply, Providence and Rocky River, (SC) 2 yrs. Ordained 1840.

David Pressly Robinson (cf.revision)

C. S. Robinson. Ordained May 1876 by Mecklenburg Presbytery. Pastor Pineville, N.C. 1876. Providence 1876 - 1880.

William Erskine McIlwaine. Licensed by Mecklenburg Presbytery May 1874 and Ordained Ju 1875. Pastor Hopewell Church 1875 - 1881. Evangelist, Mecklenburg Presbytery 1881 - 1884.

C. D. Parks. Pastor, Beaver Creek 1867 - 1873. Stated Supply, Unity, 1873 - 1874. Stated Supply, Sharon, 1884. Pastor, 1st. Church, Charlotte, 1885 - 1887.

William Robert Atkinson, principle, Female Institute, Charlotte, (Queens College) 1870 - 1890. Pres., Presbyterian College for Women 1890 - 1896.

A.P.Nicholson. Pastor, Steele Creek, 1882 - 1886.

Robert Alexander Miller. Pastor Monroe and Wadesboro Churches, 1877 - 1883. Pastor Hopewell 1883 - 1890.

Roger Martin. Pastor, Providence and Banks churches, 1888 - 1892.

Jesse Weimar Siler. Pastor, Providence and Banks churches, 1892 - 1900.

William Henry Davis. Pastor, Sharon, 1874 - 1876. Pastor, Providence and Banks Churches, 1900 - 1903. Sharon, 2nd. time, 1903 - 1906.

Joseph Bingham Mack. Rocky River Church & Group, 1871 - 1875. Fort Mill,S.C., 1876 - 1877. Financial Agent Columbia T.S. and Davidson College 1881 - 1888. Evangelist, Fayetteville Presby. 1889.

Henery Middleton Parker. Pastor, Providence & Banks, 1906 & 1910. Georgetown,S.C. 1910 - 1915.
Charles Christopher Carson.
Charles Eugene Kingsley. Pastor, Pineville, N.C. 1912 - 1913. Pastor, Providence and Matthews, 1914 - 1921. Pastor, Waxhaw, N.C. 1924.

Henry Eccles Gurney. Ordained Ju.5,1889, Western NY Assn.of Cong.Ch. Stated Supply, Sharon, 1910. In US Ch. 1911 - 1914. Pastor Matthews and Sharon and Stated Supply, Carmel, 1911-1914. Pastor Monroe, 1914 - 1922, Pastor, Matthews and Providence, 1922 - 1928.

John Calvin Brown McLoughlin. ?

John Goodall Garth

Ewell Van Duren Wiley

Harold Dewey Hayward

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INFORMATION ON PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTERS AND
KNOWN SUPPLIES THERE LISTED.

Robert Hall Morrison b,Sp 8,1798; d,1889.

Samuel Williamson b,Ju 12,1795; d,Mch 12,1882.

Richard Ellis Sherrill b,Ja 17,1816; d,Ap 17,1897.

Samuel C. Pharr b,Mch 19,1825; p,Providence & Sharon chs,
Conc Phy,48-55;prof,Knoxville,Tenn, & ss Lebanon ch,56-7;
p,Hopewell ch,Conc Phy,67-73;indef supp by Conc Phy,73;
united with MEch,74;no further record,presumed to have
died.

Jethro Rumple b,Mch 10,1827; d,Ja 20, 1906.

Robert Zenas Johnston b,Fe 14,1834; d,Ap 24,1903.

William Banks b,Ap 26,1814; d,Mch 17,1875.

William Henry Davis b,De 22,1808; d,Ja 14, 1893.

David Pressly Robinson b,1819 --- p,Sharon ch,Mock Phy,50-4
wc, Palestine,Tex,55-6; inf,57-62; d,Nv 20,72

G. S. Robinson b,about 1852; d,Nv 3,1924.

William Erskine Hollwaine b,Fb 1 ,1848; d,Nv 25,1938.

A. D. Parks b,---;d,Nov 2,1904.

William Robert Atkinson b,Ap 25,1841; d,Feb 5,1921.

A. F. Nicholson b,May 16,1842; d,Feb 24,1920. (A.C.P.)

Robert Alexander Miller b,Mch 18,1848; d,Ju 1,1916

Roger Martin b,Sp 7,1831; d,Ag 25,1900.

Jesse Weiner Miller b,Fb 9,1858; d,De 25,1911.

William Henry Davis b,Ap 11,1864; d,De ,1919.

Joseph Bingham Lack b,Dc 24,1838; d,May 24,1912.

Henry Middleton Parker b,Jl 26,1854; d,Ag 10,1924.

Charles Chinghar Karson b, Ja 13,1880;-- p,Providence - Banks chs,Meck Pby,11-4; p,Forest City,NC 14-6 ---; d,Jl 2, 48. (C.C.Corson ?)

Charles Eugene Kingsley b,May 20,1860; d,Ju 1,1933.

Henry Eccles Gurney b,Sp 12,1856; d,Ag 16,1934.

John Calvin Brown McLaughlin b,Fb 14, 1901.

John Goodall Garth b,Fb 11,1871; ss,Providence ch,Charlotte, 29-33;sc,Meck Pby,40-1; ur,41- ----rel ed, Charlotte Observer.

Ewell Van Buren Wiley b,Jr 13,1911; -- p,Marshaw,N.C. & Prov, Meck Pby, 34-Jl 20,42; p,Norwood,N.C, Ag 1,42 - .

Harold Dewey Hayward b,My 19,1898; ---- p, Old Providence (U.S.) ch,Meck Pby,Sp 1, 49 ---.

NOTES FROM NEWSPAPERS.

THE CHARLOTTE JOURNAL - Vol. XI No.21 - Feb. 16, 1841.
Married - Rev. Cyrus Johnson - Mr. Tobias Wolfe to Miss Clarissa Dunn.

THE NORTH CAROLINA WHIG - Vol. V No.48 - Jan. 27, 1857.
"Valuable Providence Land For Sale. The subscriber offers for sale the Plantation on which he now resides, 13 miles south of Charlotte, 3½ miles from Morrow's Turnout, on the Charlotte and South Carolina Rail Road, containing about 300 acres. On the place is a comfortable Dwelling House, with 4 or 5 rooms, new barn and all necessary outhouses in good repair. The Land is equal to any in Providence Settlement for Cotton or Grain. There are two branches running through the Plantation, and also two never-failing springs. There are also fine indications that thre is a GOLD MINE on the place, as gold has been obtained by panning some of the earth. Any person wishing to purchase can call on the subscriber. The terms will be made easy.
Dec. 16, 1856 J.R.Cunningham".

THE NORTH CAROLINA WHIG - VOL. X No.25 - Sept. 17, 1861.
"Since Monday the 9th.instant a daily prayer meeting for the prosperity of the Confederacy and the success of our arms, has been held in the Presbyterian Church commencing at 8 o'clock in the morning. The ministers of the different denominations attend and lead alternately in the exercises. The attendance is encouraging, and the services are participated in by members of the various denominations, as well as the citizens generally. Who can doubt the success of our cause, when one half of our population is in arms, and the other half on their knees supplicating the God of battles in behalf of our cause!"
(at Charlotte - M.D.H.)

THE WESTERN DEMOCRAT - Vol. XIV No. 713 - April 17, 1866.
"Concord Presbytery - There will be a conveyance ready to convey the members who may come to Charlotte via Railroad, to Providence Church, 12 miles, at Bernhein and Sinclair's corner at 8 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday 2d. May. As the Presbytery will meet at 11 A.M. it will be necessary for members to leave Charlotte at 8 in order to reach the Church in time for the organization.
R.Z.Johnston, Pastor of
Providence Church".

DAILY CHARLOTTE OBSERVER - Vol.XII No.1,992 Aug. 11, 1875.
In a disciplinary case it is noteworthy that William Patterson was constable of Providence Township and Mr. Bryant, the Justice.
(No initials given - M.D.H.)

WATCHMAN AND OBSERVER - NEW SERIES VOL. 1 - No.10, OCTOBER 23, 1845 CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING MEMOIR OF THE LATE REV. THOMAS REESE,D.D. of S.C. QUOTE EXCERPTS.

"Dr. Thomas Reese wasborn in Pennsylvania in the year 1742. When young he came with his parents to Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, and commenced his classical studies under the direction of the Rev. Joseph Alexander and a Mr. Benedict, who had charge of the academy in Mecklenburg county, and which was then the only one within the distance of 100 miles. Having completed his academical education, he entered the junior class in Princeton College, and graduated during the presidency of the late D. John Witherspoon, in the year 1768. After a proper couse of theological studies, he commenced preaching, and accepted a call from Salem church, Sumpter District, South Carolina. At this place he resided during the early part of the Revolutionary War. The State of society at this period was such, that violence and misrule had usurped the place of law and order; and not only the civil, but the religious rights of the community had been invaded. This was more especially the case, during the years 1780 and 1781, a period in the history of South Carolina, truly distressing to the philanthropist, and much more to the Christian. From the surrender of Charleston, all public education was suspended, and soon after all public worship was discontinued. Most of the town and country churches were burned, or made depots for the stores of the enemy; and in some instances appropriated to more improper uses. In a camp there there was no permanency, and but little rest, there was no place for chaplains, and at home even pious pastors were insecure; consequently as the more prudent course they generally went into exile. Among the latter, was the subject of this memoir. ———. He took the wiser course of retiring before the storm and went with his family to Mecklenburg, North Carolina, where he continued to preach under many privations. After the peace of 1782, he returned to his congregation in Salem, and pursued his duties with an ardor and diligence, rarely exceeded in South Carolina. ———. His preaching was of the extempore kind, adding to the mature reflections of the study, the powers of his native oratory. His flowing tears, and often suppressed voice, told the feelings of a heart, anxious only for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. ———. In the winter of 1792, 93, he removed from Salem to Pendleton county, S. Carolina, being among the first who removed from the lower country to the upper.——— died in 1796, aged 54 years. His remains lie in the grave-yard attached to the Stone church, near the village of Pendleton. (signed) J.S.M. Greensboro, Ala. 6th.October, 1845.

THE WESTERN DEMOCRAT - January 13, 1863.

"Plantation For Sale. The subscriber offers his Plantation for sale, 9 miles south-east of Charlotte, near the Rea Mine, immediately on the waters of McAlpin's Creek. There are 181 acres of good land, about 50 of which are cleared and in good state of cultivation. The buildings are in tolerable good condition. The minerals on the land are considered valuable ———James Thompson".

May 5, 1863.

" The first Annual Meeting of the Bible Society of the Confederate States of America, convened for business at the Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Georgia, week before last.———_"

May 19, 1863.

" The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the Confederate States, recently in session in Columbia, S.C., appointed Charlotte, N.C., as the place for the next meeting of the General Assembly ".

June 30, 1863.

" Providence Academy. The exercises of the School will be resumed on Monday, the 13th.of July next - Terms per session of 20 weeks;

Latin, Greek and Mathematics	$ 20.—
Arithmetic, English Grammar, etc.	12.—
Reading, Writing, etc.etc.	10.—

Students will be charged from the time of entrance till the end of the session. Further particulars made known on application.

June 23, 1863 W. J. Mayhewald

THE SOUTHERN HOME. D. H. Hill, Editor. February 9, 1874.

" Mecklenburg County Granges/ ——————

Providence - E. C. Grier, Master, W. F. Kuykendal, Secretary ".

July 13, 1874.

" Died in Providence, Mecklenburg County, N.C. On the 22nd. day of June, 1874, James Wallup, in the 79th. year of his age. He was a man of remarkable integrity, uprightness, and uniformity. ——He was for many years an earnest Christian, and a devoted member of Providence Presbyterian Church ".

September 23, 1874. (and May 25, 1859 letter)

(Copy in THE SOUTHERN HOME of two letters written by S. H. Wallup of Monroe, N.C. in long and minute proof that General Andrew Jackson was born in North Carolina in the Twelve-Mile Creek and Waxhaw neighborhood.)

November 16, 1874.

" Valuable Farm for Sale in Providence. Messers Bryant and Smith offer for sale their valuable farm of 230 acres, lying on the waters of Six-Mile Creek, 16 miles from Charlotte, 4 miles from Providence Church, and 2 miles from Wolfville Academy, known as the Dunn land ——".

WATCHMAN AND OBSERVER - Whole Number 245 RICHMOND, APRIL 4, 1844.
Excerpts FROM ARTICLE ENTITLED "PROVIDENCE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N.C. MUCH OF THIS ARTICLE IS PHRASED LIKE THE PHRASEOLOGY OF FOOTE'S SKETCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ARTICLE IS SIGNED OVER A STEADY CONTRIBUTOR ON NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY - " VIATOR ". Page 130.

" Owing to the distance of this county from a printing press, before, and for sometime after the Revolution, few books or pamphlets are to be found under the name of any of the Presbyterian ministers, that labored so unremittingly among the churches of this interesting population. (cf.Foote's Sketches here) ———.

It is more than probable that a small number of ill educated clergymen were sent out from the High Schools of the Churches some forty or eighty years ago than are sent out now. The instruction was less extended and less superficial. There is abundant reason to believe that exhibitions of scholarship are now passed over subsilentio by Committee of Presbyteries, who may feel inclined to curl the lip at the mention of the log school houses and old field instruction of the Scotch Irish, than were ever heard of in these hard working days.

Though a student might then say he had no Hebrew Bible (and who of us does not remember when a Hebrew Bible was a great treasure) he might not commit a literary murder on Horace, and if he wore a Linsey coat, or in the summer no coat at all, and was not skilled in the graces of polished society, he must treat Horace and Sallust with so much politeness as to give them a decent translation. No kind of circumstances were an excuse for an effort to make the pure classics break the silence of antiquity in bad English.

The Church gives heroes, — and demands that they be trained for the ministry - trained in the best manner circumstances will allow. She can demand no less, nor can she ask for more. She demands when it is practicable, a full course of study, and when that cannot be obtained she accepts a more contracted course, but she always demands that what her sons, who are to be leaders, are taught, they shall be taught well. She would rather have them men of one book than boys of ten thousand. ———.

(signed) Viator

March 22, 1844.

(Most of the article on Providence is devoted to a defense of the education of the ministry)

WATCHMAN AND OBSERVER- NEW SERIES VOL.1 - No.9, OCTOBER 16, 1845
CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING NOTICE- (page 35)

-CHARLOTTE FEMALE ACADEMY-

THE Rev. Cyrus Johnston, Principal, informs his friends and the public, that the Exercises of the Academy will commence on Monday the 13th of October next.

He presumes, not to possess any uncommon skill in teaching; but long experience in the business has confirmed the conviction that the great duty of the Teacher, is, to elicit and direct the energies and application of the Student; and that useful and eminent attainments in Literature and Science can be made, only by patient, diligent and long-continued efforts on the part of the learner. These, combined with wholesome government on the one part, and a spirit of docility and obedience on the other, secure general satisfaction and success.

The Principal will give personal attention to instruction in the various branches of Science, and also in the Latin and Greek Languages; and he will secure well-qualified assistants as the success of the Institution may require. Special attention will be paid to the moral and religious training of pupils.

As themonths of August and September are reputed sickly, the Scholastic Year will commence in October and close with an examination on the last week in July. There will also be an examination on the last week in February. Students may enter at any time, but they should continue for examination at the close of each session. This is a stimulant both to the Teacher and Student.

The Trustees have put the Buildings in comfortable repair, and the Principal is prepared to take a number of Boarders into his family in the Academy, where every accommodation will be furnished to them rate of $8 per month.

To complete a liberal Female Education, the following course of Science is prescribed in the Academy, and at the following rates of Tuition per session, viz: English Grammar, Geography, Logic, Rhetoric, History of the United States, General History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Natural, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Botany, Chemistry, Mineralogy, Geology, Astronomy, Political Economy, Criticism, and Exercises in Composition at $8.

The Preparatory Department, embracing the first principles of Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, with Spelling, Reading and Writing, at $10.

The Children, Spelling, Reading and Writing, at $6.
Entrance $1.

Extra Charges,

Greek or Latin Language,	per	session	$7 00
French,	"	"	10 00
Painting,	"	"	10 00
Ornamental Needlework,	"	"	5 00
Music, on the Piano,	"	"	20 00

Payment required in all cases when Students leave; or at the close of the session.

Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., Sept.15, 1845 "

EXCERPS FROM " THE ASSEMBLY REPORTER " - THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN ——EXTRA. AUGUSTA, GA. DEC. 4th, 1861. No.1, Dec. 6th. No.2 Dec.7th. No.3, Dec.9th, No.4, Dec. 10th, No.5, Dec.11th, No.6, Dec.12th, No.7, Dec.13th, No.8, Dec.14th, No.9, Dec.16th, No.10, Dec.17th, No. 11.

No.1 " The first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States met on this day at 11 o'clock, A.M. in the 1st.Presbyterian church. ——.

(Delegates from Synod of North Carolina, Presbytery of Concord " Ministers, R.H.Chapman and R.H.Morrison; Elders, J.D.Ramsay and W. Murdoch ")

(A Member - " We are not a fragment of the old General Assembly. We are not an offshoot from it. We represent fifty Presbyteries, more or less, in the Confederate States of America, that have been unchurched by the General Assembly of the Church in the United States, by requiring us to give adhesion to a Government which we disown ".) ——.

(Dr. Pratt - " Though the Presbyterian Church of the United States has unchurched us, yet it has not deprived us of our Confession of Faith. The Constitution we had then, is our Constitution still. We have not renounced it. It is as much ours as it ever was.——".

No.2 ——.No.3.——. No.4.——.
No.5 ——.
(Report from Dr. Pryor - "——. This Assembly, therefore, affectionately solicits fraternal correspondence with the following Churches, to wit: The Associate Reformed Synod of the South, the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church, the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Congregation of Independent Presbyterians, (and German Reformed Church,), and in order to consummate this, our Christian purpose and desire, the Assembly will at its present session appoint and commission Delegates to the aforesaid Churches ——".)

Nos. 6 —— 11.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, MARCH 25, 1874. EXCERPTS FROM
" SKETCHES OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N.C. "
SIGNED BY " Z "

" On the 17th. day of November 1861, Mr. R.Z.Johnston was ordained and installed the 7th. pastor of Providence church. He had been invited to visit the church before he left Columbia Seminary in that year - he commenced in July 1861 his ministry at Providence and Sharon. He was raised in 3d. Creek congregation, Rowan county, N.C. and graduated at Davidson College 1858. The Presbytery of Concord met at Providence Nov.15, 1861 - day of fasting and prayer appointed by the Confederate Government, and held appropriate services with the congregation ——.

The Rev. J.L.Kirkpatrick, D.D., then President of Davidson College, presided and preached the ordination sermon.———. Dr. Kirkpatrick was born in Providence, and his parents were members there, and Dr. K. was baptized there by Rev. Jas. Wallis, the 1st. pastor. But his parents moved from the State when he was but a boy; still this short connection with the church enabled him to temper his sermon with many interesting reminiscences. ——.

The Rev. G.D.Parks delivered the charge to the congregation, and being a son of an elder, and raised in the Providence settlement, his kindred according to the flesh before him, and many loved ones buried in the old grave yard near the church, he was prepared to address the people ~~within Presbytery~~ on such an occasion as no other brother of the Presbytery was at that time; and his usual ardor and pathos were most happily employed in the task assigned him. ———.

(referring to elders in general and Elder Stitt in particular)

He was a noble old man - a tried and beloved ' elder of the people ', and a representative of a large and most highly esteemed and well-to-do family of people in the country. Many of the Stitt family are in the West, scattered over the country, and they all rejoice in their connection with old Mr. Neil Morrison Stitt. He is well established in his principles and habits, and a Presbyterian of the best type. He looked over the spiritual and moral welfare of his negroes, and many of them were members of the church, and regular in attending preaching. His love was that of a good farmer, and when he harvested his fields and slaughtered his hogs, he remembered his pastor. He died in 1865, and the old church lost her oldest and most substantial supporter. ——.

Ibrem, 1874 "Z"

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, APRIL 1, 1874. EXCERPTS FROM CONCLUDING ARTICLE OF SERIES " SKETCHES OF PROVIDENCE))"

" On the 15th. of April 1866, Mr. E.C. Kuykendal and J. Sol. Reid, were ordained and installed elders in Providence Church, and E.A. McKee, and Wm. M. Stitt, and Saml. B. Howard, deacons. Mr. Kuykendal was raised in South Carolina, and spent many years in teaching, and was a good instructor. But feeble health forbid his following this important business longer, and he settled in Providence, and become fully identified with all the interests of the church. Mr. K. is well informed on all the doctrines of the Church — has a good library, and superintends the Sabbath-schools, and frequently represents the church in Presbytery. If a minister wants his body and mind both well provided for and entertained, let him visit this brother's house, where he will receive a hearty welcome, and enjoy a lively conversation about any important discussion going on in the papers, and be shown the last best book issued from the press.

Mr. J. Sol. Reid has served his county in the Legislature, and was a commissioner from Mecklenburg Presbytery in the General Assembly of 1872 in Richmond, Va.

Howard is a new name not before mentioned, Mr. Howard's father was not a member of the church, but a man of great influence - a large and successful farmer, and well informed. His family were highly respected and loved the church. Mr. Howard has made a good deacon - prompt and attentive in managing his own affairs- he brings a good experience to the office he fills in the church.

While Mr. Johnston was pastor about 60 were added to the roll of communicants. He baptized 29 infants and adults, and united in marriage 65 couples. There was a large colored membership, and the long galleries in the church were generally well filled, and good order prevailed among those who belonged to Providence. For the benefit of this part of the congregation the pastor usually gave out the hymn and would join in singing it. But many of them had their own hymn books, and could find the hymns or psalm, and read and sing it from the book themselves. For two years after they were freed, they continued to worship with the old congregation, and a number of them were received to full membership, and hopes were entertained that they would not be carried away from the church. ————.

It was the custom of the pastor to preach in the winter season at the school houses in the different neighborhoods, and at the houses of the aged and infirm.——.

"After it was separated from Sharon church, the old church endeavored to obtain a pastor for the whole of his time; but failing in this, the church fi ally succeeded in obtaining half of the services of the Rev. Wm.Banks of Bethel Presbytery, as stated supply, ~~and this church~~ Mr. Banks, a most excellent minister, is still serving Providence as stated supply, and Unity church in Bethel Presbytery as pastor. ———.

The cause of education was neglected and the academy went down after Dr. Johnston's day. But few of the young men of these substantial people were graduated, and rose to those walks in life which their means would have afforded. We remember but two who graduated after Parks and Harris. They were Lorenn Downs and John C. Grier, who graduated at Davidson College in 1860. Downs fells in the war. Grier survived the war, and settled with his father-elder Robt.Grier - and bid fair to become a useful citizen and an influential member of the church, when he was suddenly called away by death. He died at his father's residence Oct.3, 1867, leaving a beloved young wife and sweet little daughter in charge of his aged father. ———.

Providence church was organized in 1765 (possibly earlier)

1st.Pastor, Rev. James Wallis - served from 1772 to 1810 - 27 years.

2d. Pastor, Rev. Robt.Hill Morrison,D.D. served from 1821 to 1823 - 2 years.
3d. Pastor, Rev. Saml Williamson, D.D. - served from 1823 to 1840 - 17 years.
4th Pastor, Rev. Cyrus Johnston, D.D. - served from 1840 to 1846 6 years.
5th. Pastor, Rev. Saml C. Pharr, D.D. - served from 1850 to 1855 - ~~[illegible]~~ 5 years.
6th. Pastor, Rev. Jethro Rumple - served from 1857 to 1860 - 4 years.

7th. Pastor,Rev. Robt.Johnston - served from 1861 to 1870 - 8½ years.

The 1st.pastor was a Trustee of the University of North Carolina. The 2d pastor was one of the charter members of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College and its 1st.President. The 3d pastor was the next President of Davidson College.
The 5th,6th,7th pastors were graduates of that institution. Providence ought to be a strong friend of Davidson College. ———"

Lincolnton, N.C. March 1874 R. H. Johnston.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN. APR. 5, 1874. LETTER FROM E.C. KUYKENDAL WITH REMARKS ON DEROGATORY REMARKS ON PROVIDENCE ACADEMY UNDER ARTICLE IN SAME PAPER OF APRIL 1, 1874 " SKETCHES OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH ". BRIEF EXCERPTS.

" Mr. Editor: In the N.C.Presbyterian under date April 1st,1874 there is one of a series of articles, purporting to be sketches of Providence church in Mecklenburg county, N.C. in which the following statements occur: 'The cause of Education was neglected, and the Academy went down after Dr. Johnson's day'. ———.

With an intimate knowledge of the history of education in Providence since the year 1850, and by consultation with observant persons, we have been unable to recall a single family, having the means, (and there were a few without wealth), that did not send their daughters to some good female college to complete their education. Prior to the year 1846 this was not so, females received only the substantial and respectable education imparted in academies at home. The conclusion thus far is, that education advanced pari passu with the wealth of the congregation. ———.

From the year 1846 till 1850, there were several schools carried on by different teachers in succession. We have heard the one conducted by Mr. G.D.Parks, now Rev. Dr. Parks, spoken of as flourishing. In 1850, the writer of this communication took charge of Providence academy and so continued with inconsiderable intermission till 1870. ———.

Providence Academy between 1850 and 1870, (ten of these years were a time of war and desolation) sent about fifty students to college. These are in every profession with acceptance, and in every pursuit with success. ———.

Providence, N.C. July 1874.

NOTES FROM " CHARLOTTE STORY " - SPECIAL EDITION OF " THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER " FOR FEBRUARY 28, 1950.

LEGETTE BLYTHE'S ARTICLE " MECKLENBURG'S HISTORY COLORFUL ".

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spratt first settlers. Built near junction Crescent Avenue and Providence Road 1750.

Rev. Hugh McAden, 1755, stopped in this area, during itinerary through Carolina.
" Two years later it was estimated that the great tracts allotted to Lord Selwyn contained perhaps 400 inhabitants, and a part of the Selwyn grant was the area in which the Spratts and their neighbors lived ".

"Five years afterwards - it was in 1762 - the General Assembly of the Province of North Carolina drew a line across the western area of Anson county and called the new county Mecklenburg, and in 1765 Henry Eustace McCulloh as commissioner for Lord Selwyn gave to the new county a deed for 360 acres of land on which to erect a courthouse, prison, and stocks. The following year Thomas Polk, the Spratts, the Alexanders and others of the present area of Mecklenburg, anxious to have their village as the county seat rather than some location in the Rocky River section to the east, erected a small log courthouse in the intersection of two narrow muddy roads they already were beginning to envision as streets of a future city.
"And two years later, in August, these Mecklenburgers, entertained Governor William Tryon, cajoled the dictatorial Tryon into granting the village a charter, named its principal street for him, and called the sprawling cluster of houses atop the red rise in the crossing of the roads, Charlotte ".

"Mecklenburgers participated in the sharp clash at Brandywine on September 11, 1777, where England's General Howe defeated Washington and moved toward Philadelphia, and again on October 4 at Germantown, where Washington tried unsuccessfully to dislodge Howe. And they spent the disastrous winter at Valley Forge. It was while they were in camp there, in fact, that they organized the Phalanx lodge of Masons, Charlotte's oldest lodge".

"With independence won, Mecklenburgers were free to turn their energies to more peaceful pursuits. They repaired the courthouse, which had been damaged during the fighting that greeted the arrival of Cornwallis, they established or gave added support to schools that had developed in connection with some of the churches, notably at Sugaw Creek, Rocky River, Poplar Tent, and Hopewell, and the year after the British had finally been driven ~~out~~ from the land they began to increase materially their cultivation of cotton and corn".

"As cotton began to be king in the south a landed gentry grew up in those areas that a few generations before had been the homes of hard working small farmers and artisans. Soon the wealthier began to rely upon the work of their overseers and slaves and devoted themselves to the pursuits of the arts, sports, and the social graces. They became owners of large libraries, they hunted and raced their horses, they attended balls and dinners and even visited in Charleston and Philadelphia and the homes of tidewater Virginia.

"In 1817, for instance, in Charlotte, which was still a very small hamlet of perhaps less than a hundred families, they organized the Center Library society and six years later the General Assembly granted a charter to the New Providence Library association, whose laudable purpose was set out to promote 'general reading and literary culture'".

"In Mecklenburg the large landowners and the country's developing aristocracy lived in the main outside Charlotte, especially in the Hopewell, Sugaw Creek and Providence sections".

"Charlotte was for years the mining capital of the United States and prospectors, engineers, technicians accomplished in the methods then in use, and laborers skilled in mining operations came here from all over the country and even from foreign countries. For an even half century - until the California gold rush of 1849 - this section was the center of the nation's mining activities".

"-----A few years later, the William Phifer home, recently razed to provide a site for the new Sears, Roebuck store, was begun, and it was completed in about four years. The house was comparatively new when on April 20, 1865, the last session of the Confederate Cabinet was held there".

"Near the middle of the century the stage coaches were supplemented by railroads connecting Charlotte with the north and the south".

"States rights through the years had grown to be a sharp issue, and the presidential campaign of 1860 in Mecklenburg, like many subsequent campaigns, was a bitter one. When the votes were counted it was found that John Breckenridge had received 1,101; Bell, 826; Douglas, 135; and Abraham Lincoln, none".

"Little action during the War Between the States occurred in the vicinity of Charlotte, though in the last days Union raiders pillaged the undefended area. But Mecklenburg, like North Carolina in general, contributed heavily of all her resources of young men and what money she could raise to bolster the waning arm of the southern cause".

"Charlotte's population in 1866 was recorded as totaling 1,366. The abolition of slavery that followed shortly, and the influx into the village of impoverished landowners from the farms had such effect, perhaps, in launching the development that within three-quarters of a century was to see Charlotte's population increase 100 times.

"Landowners now without slaves to work their acres and unused themselves to farm labor came to town and sought work in trades, business, and the professions. The country's old agrarian system was ruined; it would never again achieve its antebellum status".

"——And as Charlotte grew the proportion of its population to that of Mecklenburg county went up rapidly as the rural areas in comparison fell off".

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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER September 29, 1951

"At Services Sunday- Church Addition To Be Dedicated.
(Picture of new Sunday School building at Providence Presby. Church)

"Sunday also will be the fall Rally day of the Sunday school, and this occasion will be combined with the dedication service.——— The new church school building has been in contemplation for a long time, and the final decision to erect it was made by Providence congregation June 18, 1950, through adoption of plans for the new construction which had been offered by Rev. O. V. Caudill of Salisbury, who is director for the synod of church building erection.

"The new building cost about $22,000, and much personal labor was donated. On June 18, 1950, the congregation raised $ 4,146 in cash for the new building; the Women of the Church had collected $3,000 more, and during the year, more than $10,000 additional was raised by the 260 members of the church. Other organizations aided in raising the money.

"The new frame addition has two stories, is 60 by 40 feet in dimensions, contains classrooms for 200 pupils, and the building has a modern heating plant, lighting and toilet facilities. The rear end is connected with the old church by a brick cloister painted white to conform to the other buildings. The cloister obviates the transfer from one building to the other in the weather. The whole architectural setting is very attractive....".

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER September 25, 1950.

" Will Construct Church Annex ".
"Providence Presbyterian church is building an annex to the old sanctuary to be used as an educational building. It will have two stories, and be divided into classrooms for the growing Sunday School, which now numbers 200. -------.

"The committee in charge of the new building consists of Carl Harper, Lacy McKnight, and Henry Niven. The finance committee is composed of Mrs. Faye Grier Stephenson, Charles Smith, and Henry Hrabanek. Neil C. Grier is treasurer of the building fund as well as treasurer of the church. The pastor is Rev. Harold D. Hayward, Th.D., who has been pastor for over a year, and the church is growing in numbers and activities. Many new residences are being built out on Providence Road toward the church, and some of these residents are connecting themselves with Providence. ----".

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER 1951.

"Success Story: Dr. Charles Shute's Life One of Service".
"-------North Carolina has been particularly favored by having among its leaders many who may be listed among those who have spent their lives in abundant living. Among these, outstanding is the life of Dr. Chas. Henry Shute, professor emeritus of the School of Theology, Johnson C. Smith University. Chas. Henry Shute was born near Matthews, North Carolina, in the neighborhood known as Providence, in Mecklenburg county. (on old McGinnis place - H.D.H.) His earliest training was from the little community school. His high school, college and theological training were received at Biddle, now Johnson C. Smith University. D---.
" Dr. Shute was the founder of the public school for Negroes in Gastonia in 1898. He became identified with the Biddle University in 1907 as a teacher of Latin and Greek in the high school department. -------Yes, Negroes succeed in North Carolina ".

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER 1950.

"Evolution of Country Store Illustrated By 'Light Bread'".
"Robinson's Store sells everything from nail polish to fertilizer. "Light bread - $98. worth of it in one month - tells much of the evolution of country store keeping down in the 'Black jacks' of Providence township where Walter S. Robinson is celebrating his 50th. year as operator of the widely known ' Robinson's Store '. "----. The saying down in lower Providence is that ' more cotton

has been raised, more birds killed, more lies told, and more problems of the world solved ' by the 'round table' which gathers nightly in the store than anywhere else.

"The country store as a community institutáon elsewhere may have succumbed to streamlined merchandising and the abbreviated week day, but the Robinson establishment remain THE center of life in a wide area on Mecklenburg's southern rim". ——.

"Now the farm families, like their city cousins, depend on the store for their edibles. And they're eating higher up on the hog, observes Mr. Robinson, than at any time in his 50 years of store keeping. ——.

"Much of his merchandising is done by swapping store items for farm products. He took in 1,600 bushels of corn from farmers last year, and thousands of dozens of eggs.

" The farmers get cash for their crops at his store if they choose not to exchange the products for merchandise.——.

"Mr. Robinson, who became a merchant when he traded a gray mule for a bicycle, recalls that the store's stock was purchased for $250 when he first entered the mercantile business ' without a nickel of my own '.——.

"Once when Frank Matthews, Secretary of Belk Bros.stores, was visiting Mr. Robinson, the Charlotte mercantile executive was on the hunt for a pulpit stand for a church.

"'I'll bet you, Walter', he said to the Providence merchant, ' I want to buy something you haven't got'.

' Name it, and let's see ', said Mr. Robinson, smiling.

' A church pulpit ', replied Mr. Matthews.

"Mr. Robinson immediately led Mr. Matthews to one of his nearby warehouses, and thereupon sold the Charlotte man a pulpit stand recently acquired in the purchase of an abandoned Negro church.

"The section served by the Robinson store is the best agricultural area in Mecklenburg, contends the country merchant. And it's one that hasn't suffered from migntions to the city or had its character altered by the city dweller's moving to the country. He said he could not think of a single abandoned farm in the area served by his store, or an empty renant house.——".

(He reared 7 children about the store and sent six through college H.D.M.)

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER October 21, 1949

"Plans Made For Installing Five Presbyterian Ministers. ———.

"In accordance with action taken by Mecklenburg presbytery Tuesday, a commissioner will install Dr. Harold D. Hayward as pastor of Providence Presbyterian church at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, October 23. Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, president of Queens college, will preside, and ask the constitutional questions. Dr. C. R. Eberhardt, professor of Bible at Davidson college who is a member of Orange presbytery (Morris : Orange - L.D.H.) is being asked to preach the sermon. Dr. H. G. Bedinger, pastor of Pineville Presbyterian church, will deliver the charge to the pastor. Rufus A. Grier of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church will deliver the charge to the congregation. Rev. J. B. Tackett and James Blakeney are alternate members of the commission———".

(The Five: Dr. Harold D. Hayward, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Rev. D. A. Huffines, Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., Rev. L. F. Cowan)

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER MARCH 3, 1950.

" Notable Landmark (picture). This old residence, known as the Ezekiel Wallis rock house and located on the Albemarle road a few miles east of Charlotte was built in 1776, just four years after the somewhat similar Hezekiah Alexander rock house about three miles away at the present property of the Methodist Home for the Aged was constructed by that early Mecklenburg patriot and legislator. The Wallis house was built by Ezekiel Wallis, father of Rev. James Wallis, pastor of Providence Presbyterian church. The portholes in the gables are said to have been put there so that defenders could fire through them at approaching Indians or British soldiers.

(Ezekiel Wallis)———He had three sons, William, Matthew and James, and the last named became pastor of Providence Presbyterian church, married a daughter of John McKnitt Alexander, brother of Hezekiah Alexander, and secretary of the Mecklenburg convention that on May 20, 1775, promulgated the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

"To this old home came many noted visitors in its day. One of the great functions recorded was the infair - a great gathering honoring a bridal couple- given by Mrs. Wallis to her grandson, Marshall Polk, brother of James ~~Polk~~ Knox Polk, who later became President of the United States, and young Polk's bride ".

THE MONROE JOURNAL February 27, 1951. (H.E.C.Bryant)

"Providence Has Dog Show Which Is Very Pleasing". -----.

" Several Sundays ago it was announced from the pulpit, ' February 16, the Men's Club of Providence Presbyterian Church will present Police Officer Ernest E. Pressley with his police dogs in a show in the interest of public safety and good clean Christian citizenship"!

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER September 29, 1949. (Rita Adams)

"Home For New Pastor" (picture) Members of Providence Presbyterian Church, founded in 1767, spent $12,000 and months of hard work building this attractive brick manse for their new pastor, Dr. Harold Dewey Hayward, shown in inset at upper right. A former missionary to China, and Army chaplain, Dr. Hayward came here from New Vernon, N.J. He will be accepted into the Mecklenburg presbytery next month".

(Following text gives resume of pastor's experience largely in the Orient)

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER October 3, 1950

" — And Rev. K. D. Crouse, who will deliver his first sermons at these two churches, will have some extra time to enjoy his new home, and $ 11,000 parsonage next door to Harrison church.

" The combined congregations of Harrison and Marvin Churches number approximately 250 " (Read 330 accord. to K.D.C. -H.D.H.)

May 19, 1951 " New Parsonage To Be Dedicated Sunday ".

SECONDARY SOURCE MATERIAL. NOTES FROM A BROCHURE " THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR " 1941. STORY OF THE OLD FIRST CHURCH, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

Church founded in 1666 by Scotch-Irish.

First great minister Alexander McWhorter of Revolutionary Period. Saw brief missionary experience in North Carolina after study at Princeton in 1756.

Came again to North Carolina in 1779 but returned to Newark again in 1781.

Friend of General George Washington and a great patriot.

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SECONDARY SOURCE MATERIAL. NOTES FROM A BROCHURE " THREE CHURCHES " BY R.T.JAYNES. ARTICLE ON WAXHAWS CHURCH HAD BEEN CARRIED IN KEOWEE COURIER,WALHALLA, SO.CAR. OCT. 9 - NOV.13, 1941.

(1)First recorded sermon by one John Brown in February 1753.
Organization of the Waxhaw congregation in 1755.
William Richardson on list of the Waxhaw pastors.

(2)Presbyterian Church of Bethel organized in 1764 - 3rd. oldest in area. Said to have been organized by William Richardson.

(3)Old Stone Presbyterian Church.

Calls Presbyterian Church of Catholic, in Chester, So.Car. second oldest, i.e. 1759.

Cf. also " History of the Presbyterian Church of Bethel " Rev. R. A. Webb. Revised to April 1, 1938.

SECONDARY SOURCE MATERIAL. NOTES FROM " ALEXANDRIANA " AN HISTORICAL NOVEL BY LEGETTE BLYTHE. HARRISBURG, PA. 1940.

The American Revolution began early in the South as well as around Boston, Mass. Battle of Alamance in North Carolina was in 1771.

The so-called Mecklenburg' Declaration of Independence ' dates from May 1775. (May 20 and May 31).

Battle of King's Mountain October 7, 1780 vividly described. Pat Ferguson's loyalists defeated by Isaac Shelby, John Sevier, William Campbell's men. Turning point in the Revolution.

Mention made several times of the following "original" churches of Mecklenburg: Hopewell, Poplar Tent, Centre, Providence, Steele Creek, Sugaw Creek.

Charlotte called Charlotte Town or Charlottetown at time of the Revolution had two dozen houses. William Lee Davidson in command of Continental Forces in neighborhood.

Alexander McWhorter was President of Queen's Museum which then changed its name to Liberty Hall Academy.

Notes in censorship and stricture on Col. Ban Tarleton of British Forces.

Tells the heart-warming story of Mrs. Elizabeth Steele's gift of money to General Nat. Green at the tavern in Salisbury to revive the spirit of the army.

Charlotte settled about 1750. Incorporated in 1768. Occupied by Cornwallis in September 1780 and referred to in records of period as a "hornet's nest" because of patriotic resistance to British Forces.

SECONDARY SOURCE MATERIAL - in ALEXANDER'S " HISTORY OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY - CHARLOTTE 1902 ". NOTES.

Excellent provisional sketches of Harrison Methodist Episcopal Church and the Providence Presbyterian Church.

Henry Downs - early settler from Pennsylvania about 1760. Settled on royal land grant from George IV of Great Britain. Justice of the Peace for Providence Settlement.

George McKee - Justice of the Peace for the Providence Settlement.

MONUMENTS:

(1) Twelve-Mile Creek and Waxhaws Neighborhood

" Here was born

March 15, 1767

Andrew Jackson

7th. President of the

United States"

Erected by
N. C. D.A.R.

"These stones were part of the original cabin"

(2) At Waxhaws Church

" Church Organized 1755

First Burial 1758

William R. Richardson,
Minister, 1759 - 1771 ".

(3) At Weddington Methodist Church

" Erected by James Morrison Traywick, D.D.S. Son of Dr. Bryant S. and Margaret Morrison Traywick in Memory of His Grandparents James M. and Annabella Morrison who were charter members of Sandy Ridge M. E. Church, Organized in the year 1824.
" The name of this church was changed to Weddington M.E. Church in 1899 ".

(4) Near Pineville, N.C.

" Here stood the house in which was born November 2, 1795 James Knox Polk President of the United States 1845 - 1849. Erected by Mecklenburg Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. 1904 ".

CLIPPING OF UNKNOWN DATE FROM UNKNOWN NEWSPAPER IN POSSESSION OF MRS. CARRIE REA KUYKENDAL (1951)

" Dear Mrs. Caldwell:

Our chapter historian of the William Gaston chapter D.A.R. Gastonia, asked me to write up this revolutionary incident for our records, and I thought perhaps others in Charlotte and elsewhere might be interested in reading what I was always told was a true occurrence. I saw the Cornwallis tree many times before fire destroyed it, and I know many who read this will corroborate the story, as they too have seen the curved-bole old tree.

Box 255, Gastonia. (Signed) Mrs. Lisette C. Hood

" Lord Cornwallis ' Walking stick -

About one mile west of old Providence Presbyterian church in Mecklenburg county, is the ' Billy Rea ' homestead, once a home of note in both colonial times and the days of the war between the states. It stands very near to the ' Big Road ', now replaced by one of Mecklenburg county's splendid state roads. (Providence Road - H.D.H.) In front of the house and nearer still to the road is the old well, still furnishing clear, cold water to the thirsty household and to passing travelers. I think the place is now owned and occupied by Mr. Banks Kuykendal and family, whose wife is a Rea.

At the time that Lord Cornwallis and Colonel Tarleton were in flight from the battle of Cowpens, on their way across North Carolina to the battle of Guilford Court House, their forces had to pass along this old road to go through Charlotte, where the skirmish called the Battle of Charlotte took place --the ' Hornet's Nest ' where they did not tarry long.

They all stopped by the well in front of the Rea place, and here Colonel Tarleton commanded the pretty young daughter of the house to draw a bucket of water and serve him with a cool drink. She brought out a tin dipper-full as if to hand it to the haughty British officer. Instead of doing so she quickly pushed the bucket down the well and threw the contents of the dipper full in the face of the officer, then running back into the house where she hid till the army passed. Tarleton was angered beyond expression, but he dared not follow and punish the bold maid, in company of his superior officer, who was laughing heartily at Tarleton's discomfiture, as were all the others gathered at the well.

As he rode along the well-wooded road near Providence church Cornwallis, dismounting to rest a few moments, cut an oak sapling from a tree, one that showed a curve at one end, making it suitable for a walkingstick. When he dismounted again at the Rea well he stuck it point downwards, in the grounds, and in the fun engendered by the Tarleton incident he absent-mindedly left his improvised walkingstick where he had stuck it.

The Rea family never took it away; and the next spring shoots were seen sprouting from the green branch. This crooked-handled stick eventually grew into a monarch in the forest, its curved middle bole always retaining the bend as it was cut down by the British commander.

I once taught in the neighborhood of the Rea homestead, and in going back and forth from my country school to Charlotte, for week-end visits, I always passed slowly the spot where the curved old tree reared its noble head. It was called ' The Cornwallis Tree ' by all in that neighborhood and people came for miles to behold it.

Between 30 and 40 years ago a fire broke out near the tree and it caught from a spark. In spite of efforts to save it it bowed its ancient head in the dust, as the fire had penetrated too deeply into its heart by the time the forest tragedy was discovered.

Mrs. Lisette C. Hood ".

THE MECKLENBURG TIMES. VOL. I - No. 1 August 21, 1924. NOTES.

" Hundreds of people from Mecklenburg attended the annual camp meeting at Pleasant Grove in Sandy Ridge township, Union county, last Sunday. The camp ground contains 26 acres, a large grove of massive oaks, several springs and is one of the few camp grounds that have been reclaimed in the South. The original arbor, built of framing hewn with axe and pinned together with locust wood pins, was erected 94 years ago, and has been recovered with cedar shingles and neatly painted. The rebuilding of the camp ground began six years ago and there are now 55 new tent buildings which are in fact better designated as small cottages. ——. The crowd at Pleasant Grove, Sunday, was estimated from 8000 to 10000 people and included home-comers from Washington, Texas, Kentucky, West Virginia and other States ".

VOL. I - No. 8 October 9, 1924. NOTES

" Providence Ladies Hear Missionary. Miss Blakney Tells Ladies Aid of Japan - Boys Enjoying Possum Season ". (a headline)

VOL. I - No. 20 January 8, 1925. NOTES

" The county now has 47.5 miles of paved road, 275 miles of sand clay roads and over 300 miles of improved dirt road ".

VOL. I - No. 23 January 29, 1925. NOTES

S.V.Hunt in his column "Home Made Philosophy" " —— go to or stay on farms for three main reasons: love for living out in the open, the expectation of better and healthier food, producing stronger constitutions; and because so many know nothing else but farm toil or how else to exist ".

VOL. I - No.28 March 5, 1925. NOTES

" No Evolution For County Schools " (Headline).
"School Board Settles Question For Teachers in Mecklenburg Rural Schools ".

"Dr. H. H. Burney preached a very delightful sermon to his Providence congregation Sunday morning. In the afternoon he preached to the Downs Sunday School. In the Downs Community there is no church, but the little school house is full every Sunday afternoon and a very nice school is conducted ——".

VOL. I - No. 35 April 23, 1925.

" Rural Fires show Great Increase. The chief causes of fires were assigned to be: shingleroofs and defective flues 102; unknown 61; carelessness, 12; short circuit, 11; adjoining building, overhot stove or furnace, 7 each; incendiary, 4 ".

VOL. II - No. 33 April 8, 1926.

" Providence Wants Big New School " (headline)
(The enrollment at the Providence School on June 3, 1926,-29).

EXCERPTS FROM THE MECKLENBURG TIMES.

Vol.iii No. 9 - October 14, 1926.
" Prominent Man of Providence Dead. David J. Downs, Age 57. Died Monday Buried at Providence Tuesday ".

Vol.iii No.16 - December 2, 1926.
" North Mecklenburg News and The Mecklenburg Times Consolidate "

Vol.iii No.41 - May 26, 1927.
" Dr. R.G.Miller Died at His Home Sunday. Was Pastor of Sardis A R P Church for 38 Years and One of the Most Beloved Men of County ".

" Lindbergh Flies From New York To Paris ".

" Mecklenburg Yesterday And Today - Miss Emma Orr, Newell, N.C.
" The first and greatest hero of Mecklenburg county was Alexander Craighead who was driven from Maryland into Pennsylvania for preaching against kingly authority from there to North Carolina.-----.
" ---Providence is in the southern part of Mecklenburg county and Rev. James Wallace was the first pastor. -----.
" In the last of the eighteenth century infidelity got a good start in Mecklenburg county, some of the members of Sugar Creek, Steele Creek, and Providence organized a club of infidels arguing the question of whether the Bible or reason should rule the human mind. People of these and other communities stopped going to church. About this time an epidemic of sickness swept the country and the people were wondering if they were being punished for not attending services -----.
" In 1802 a revival which lasted for two years swept the county and completely rooted infidelity out. The loyal members and ministers of these churches mentioned took the leading part in the revival.-----".

(First Church in Charlotte 1815. First Bank in 1834, etc.)

" The women did most of the spinning, weaving, and making of clothes. It was nothing but natural for a woman to show her work, knit goods, shawls, and stockings, when a neighbor called to see her, and to take her work along when she went to spend the day or afternoon.-----.

" Providence 8 Sharon 9. (Report of a Baseball Game with following players for Providence: Jarrett, Plyler, C. DeArmon, Porter, F. DeArmon, McAlister, Rea, Williamson, Mearn.

Vol.iv No. 37 - April 26, 1928

(Picture - Providence Church called " Historic Old Providence Church ". Headline " Church Erected Before Civil War Still Place of Worship ". Text by Ula B. McManus

" Visitors and delegates to the Woman's Presbyterial Auxiliary of Mecklenburg Presbytery which holds its 24th. annual session in Providence Presbyterian church Thursday and Friday will find themselves at one of the most interesting places historically speaking in North Carolina.-----.

" Situated in a lovely grove the church looks out upon the cemetery which is a commingling of the old and the new, the past and the present. One side, wherein lie sleeping many of the founders of the church, is completely taken up, the dates on many of the stones bearing silent witness to the truthfulness of the church records. On the other side is the new part now used by the present-day congregation as a resting place for their loved ones. Just outside an iron gate swung between posts of stone is a path which leads down the hill to the spring which in the early days of the church history was an absolute necessity, the services being all day affairs, one sermon being delivered in the morning, another in the afternoon. This spring, though now unused, presents a most picturesque appearance, its arch of natural stones bringing to mind the altars of 'unhewn stone' which the Israelites of old were commanded to build. Here one is tempted to linger long and dream, for that elusive charm that is found around all places of antiquity is strongest here.-----"

Vol. v No. 9 - October 11, 1928.
" P.T.A. Formed at Providence School ".

Vol. v No.18 - December 13, 1928.
" William Downs Dies in County. Well Known Confederate Veteran Buried in Providence Wednesday "
" Mr. Downs was born and reared in the Providence section of the county and lived there all his life excepting the four years he spent in the Confederate army. He is believed to be the last survivor with possibly one exception, of Company K, 37th. North Carolina infantry, which was organized by the late Dr. J.T.Kell of Providence, and later commanded by Captain W. E. Ardrey of the same township, when Dr. Kell, organizer and first commander of the company, was promoted to the rank of Major.-----".

(Supplies at Providence Church - April 21, 1929 - Rev. John C. B. McLaughlin. April 28, 1929 - Rev. Alexander Martin, a son of the Providence Manse).

Vol.V No.44 - June 13, 1929.
" Dr. H. Q. Alexander Dead at Home Near Matthews "
"—— Dr. Alexander was born at Statesville, Iredell County.
—— Since 1888 he had been a practicing physician and extensive farmer in Mecklenburg county. In 1908 he was elected president of the Mecklenburg County Farmer's Union and served continuously during 11 terms of one year each. Prior to that time he had been a member of the union's executive committee, and in 1903 and 1905 was a representative of Mecklenburg in the state leguslature. ——Last fall Dr. Alexander was named vice-presidential candidate by the Farmer-Labor party, but declined the honor ——".

(Brief editorial tribute of same date)

Vol.vi No.4 - September 5, 1929.
" Rev. J. G. Garth of Charlotte preached a most excellent sermon at Providence church Sunday. He is to supply Providence and we consider ourselves fortunate indeed to be able to have such a fine man with us ".

Vol.vi No.5 - September 12, 1929.
" S. F. Grier Has First Cotton Bale "
" ——it was sold to T. J. Renfrow and Sons and brought 20 cents a pound. The bale weighed 546 pounds ".

Vol.vi No.20 - December 26, 1929.

" Miss McKinney and L. C. Harper wed ".

Vol.vi No.30 - March 6, 1930.
" Mr. McGinnis Buried in Providence ".

Vol.vii No. 22 - January 8, 1931.
" Mrs. D. A. Yandell Died in Providence " ——.
"She was one of the best known women of the county".

Vol.vii No. 28 - February 19, 1931.
" Funeral Rites for J. W. Kuykendal.——.
" Mr. Kuykendal was 53 years old and had been an employe of Belk Brothers Company for a number of years. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and a member of Providence church. He was born and reared in the Providence section, and was well known in the county ".

Vol.vii No. 33 - March 26, 1931.
" Rev. P. L. Grier, Pastor of Sardis ".

Vol.vii No.43. - June 4, 1931.
" The home of Neal Alexander who lives near Matthews was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday afternoon.------".

Vol.vii No.44 - June 11, 1931.
" Mecklenburg Farmers Decrease in Number - Increase in Value ".

Vol.vii No.45 - June 18, 1931.
" Mrs. Downs dies after long illness. Prominent Resident of Providence dies at age 86 --- (Mrs. Mary Coffey Downs)--".

Vol.vii No.46. - June 25, 1931.
" Jake Newell, prominent member of the Charlotte Bar will speak Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Providence school. His subject will be regarding his visit to the Holy Land ".

Vol.vii No.49 - July 16, 1931.
" Home-Coming for Providence. Historic Church will hold annual Home-Coming Day August 2 ".

Vol.vii No.51 - July 30, 1931.
" Providence to Have Meeting Sunday. Rev. George Stephens to Speak at Morning Service ---- missionary on furlough from China ---".

Vol.viii No.8 - October 1, 1931.
" Sharon Church will celebrate Centennial Program Sunday. Dr. Walter L. Lingle, President of Davidson College, to make the Principal Address --Many well-known speakers on Program ".

Vol.viii No.9 - October 8, 1931.
(Mrs. Cynthia K. Brown's article on Sharon - excerpts)
" The first meeting of the people on the subject of having a church on grounds about equal distance from Steele Creek, Sugar Creek and Providence, but chiefly to accommodate members of Providence congregation, who lived remote from that church, which was held by notice circulated in the neighborhood on the 30th.day of January, 1830, at the house of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel Williamson.------And Sharon congregation uniting with Providence obtained one-third of the ministerial labor of the Rev. Samuel Williamson, the pastor of Providence promising a salary of $200 per annum.

" And on the same day (October 22d.,1831) the Rev. Samuel Williamson being called a moderator of the meeting, the

congregation proceeded to elect five ruling elders and a treasurer, Messers Paris Alexander, Robert Kirkpatrick, William Walker, William Ross and Dr. Joseph W. Ross were elected ruling elders and Mr. William Lee, Treasurer ——.

"Some of your old men remember the old manse. They tried to put it half way between Providence and Sardis church. We all remember the William Alexander place on Providence road owned now by his son, Less Alexander and he can show you the stump it was built on. R. Z. Johnston was the last preacher that lived there.——".

"Rev. Cyrus Johnston, pastor 1840 - 1845 ".—

" 1845 - known as the dry year, Cyrus Johnston's salary was cut from $250 to $200 and he left us. —.

" 1845 - 1847. Rev. R. N. Lafferty and Rev. R. E. Sherrill supplied —.

" Rev. Samuel C. Pharr, 1848 - 1855.—.

" Rev. James Walker, supply - 1855 - 1856.—.

" Rev. Jethro Rumple, D.D. 1856 - 1860 —.

" Rev. R.Z.Johnston, pastor, 1861 - 1872. Last preacher to live in old manse on Providence road. He was Salutatorian of Class 1858 of Davidson College. His salary at this time was $ 400. for half time.

" 1863. Rev. R.Z.Johnston received letters from the Secretary of the Committee of Domestic Missions of Concord Presbytery Informing him of his appointment to visit General Lee's army to perform missionary work, among the soldiers during the month of July 1863. He didn't go.

" Rev. W.A.McDonald, supply, 1873.

" Rev. W.H.Davis, pastor, 1874 - 1878.

" Rev. D.B.Robinson, supply, 1882-1883. Lived right here among us, the old Robinson house about two or three miles south of the church.

" Rev. G.D.Parks, supply, 1884 - 1890.

" Rev. W.H.Davis, pastor, 1874 - 1878 had the distinction of being pastor two different times. He served again in 1903 - 1906.

" Dr. Thomas Laurence, supply, 1890, three months.

" Rev. J. W. Siler, supply, 1890, two months.

" Rev. W.B. Arrowhead, pastor, 1890 - 1892.

" Sharon church has two daughters Pineville church and Amity church.---.

" It was the custom in this country and in Scotland at the same period of time, to meet in front of the pulpit immediately after the service on Fast Day or Preparation Service, and those wishing to commune would file by and receive their 'tokens' which served as a pass to the table. These were collected by the elders before the elements were passed. The communicants were supposed to be seated at tables when the 'tokens' were ~~[illegible]~~ collected ".

Vol. viii No.39 - May 5, 1932.
" Annual Church Meet at Providence. More than 200 people present at Historic Church -- Rev. Joseph Bingham Mack Morning Speaker.
" His father, the late Dr. J. B. Mack, preached at Providence during 1904 - 1906.
" A period of reminiscing followed the lunch, which was served on the grounds. At this time, Rev. J.G.Gerth, who is supply pastor exhibited the old session book which dates from 1860 to 1890 and is the second of the series which contains a history of the church from its organization. W.M.Ross, of Pineville, is present clerk of session.

"Mrs. Ila Parks Miller, the first child baptized by Dr. R.Z. Johnston, pastor from 1860 - 1870 was present for the observance yesterday. She was the daughter of H.M.Parks, for many years clerk of session, and her husband, Rev. R.A.Miller, once supplied Providence Church. Mrs. Miller now lives in Rock Hill.

"John McGinnis of Matthews, was named treasurer of a fund to beautify the grounds and cemetery of Providence and it was also decided to give attention to the following objects in behalf of the old church: preservation of the inscriptions on the tombstones, tablets for the pastors and signers, a roof on the church, repair of the manse and electric current for the church and manse".

Vol.ix No. 2 - August 18, 1932.
" Sharon Grange Formally opens and officers begin their duties. Harvey B. Hunter is Master of First Unit of National Organization in this County ".

" Mecklenburg Schools Faculty is Announced by Superintendent --
--Providence Elementary - Edmonia Blakeney, Principal, Mrs. Mary Downs Delaney, Mrs. Gertrude Rea McGinnis ".

Vol.ix No. 20 - December 22, 1932.
" The lawn of the Providence Presbyterian Church is being planted with shrubery donated by members and friends of the church. Persons wishing to donate shrubbery to the church in memory of their families or friends should telephone Mrs. P. P. Patterson who lives on Providence Road. The telephone is County 3011 ".

Vol. ix No. 24 - February 2, 1933.
" Big Relief Program in operation now in Mecklenburg County. Many Destitute ".

Vol.ix No.30. March 2, 1933.
" L.S.Knox Dies at Providence. -------At the time of his death he was chairman of the school board of Providence -------"

(also ~~tribute~~ to L.S.K. in Vol.ix No.31 - March 9, 1933)

Vol.ix No.38 April 27, 1933.
" About One-Fourth of Families in Mecklenburg Aided in March ".

Vol. ix No.41 May 18, 1933.
" Fewer Families Are Helped During April ".

Vol. ix No. 47 June 29, 1933
" Mr. Rea Celebrates Birthday Sunday.---- 80th.Mr. Rea is one of the most respected citizens in this section and is in the finest of health. He rides a horse and works in his fields. He can in fact, do almost anything else he wants to do in spite of his years. Mr. and Mrs. Rea have lived in their home near Pineville for many years. They were married 56 years ago.

Vol. x No. 8 - October 5, 1933.
" John B. Coffey of Providence Township Died Last Saturday. Leading Citizen of the County ".

Vol.x No. 39 - May 10, 1934.
" Mrs. W. R. Downs died at her home in Providence Township Friday night at 11:00 o'clock after a long illness. She was a member of a prominent Mecklenburg family ".

Vol. xi No. 2 - August 23, 1934.
" Throngs Honor Dr. Burney at Funeral Sunday afternoon. Garth and McIlwaine pay tribute to Beloved Pastor of Matthews, Monroe and Providence ".

Vol. xi No. 13 - November 8, 1934.
" Mr. and Mrs. Rea are honored on 60th.Anniversary of Years Together".

Vol. xi No. 48 - July 11, 1935.
" Harve ' Cappie ' Downs, colored, died recently in Matthews and left five different sets of grandchildren as survivors.
" From reliable sources the record is as follows: 12 children, 36 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, three great great great grandchildren, and two great great great great grandchildren.

" Born in slavery and owned by Mr. Billie Downs of the Providence community, ' Cappie ' followed his master through the Civil War and enjoyed nothing better than to tell his experiences then and throughout his long life. The old man's exact age was not known but he was thought to have passed the century mark ".

Vol.xii No. 50 - July 25, 1936.
" Steele Creek Presbyterian Church to celebrate 175th.Anniversary. Seven Former Pastors are on Program covering One Week of Services ".----.

Vol.xii No.52 - August 6, 1936
" Dr. J.M.Walker of Steele Creek. Special services July 26 - Aug.1. ----Rev. W. A. McIlwaine of Japan preached the morning sermon . (Aug.2, 1936).

Vol.xiii No.5 - Sept.10, 1936
" Franklin Delano Roosevelt attracts huge throngs to Mecklenburg ". (speaks at the Charlotte Hotel).

Vol.xiii No.47 - July 1, 1937.
James A. Blakeney, Providence township farmer, was sworn in Saturday as a member of the county civil service commission. He succeeds Walter S. Robinson, who was also from Providence township ".

Vol.xiv No. 1 - August 19, 1937.
" Descendents of James Roger and Amelia Gillespie Cunningham will gather for their annual reunion on Sunday, Aug. 29, at Harrison Church, the home church of many of the Cunninghams.-- James Roger Cunningham and Amelia Gillespie Cunningham were among the pioneer settlers of Mecklenburg county, and their descendents

have always been active in affairs of this and surrounding counties ".

Vol. xiv No. 6 September 23, 1937.
" Springs will build on Providence tract. The large tract which includes the old DeLaney site, extends for nearly a mile along the Providence road, and for about a half mile back along the Matthews - Pineville road, on both sides of that highway. It is about eight miles from Charlotte ".

Vol. xiv No.16 December 2, 1937.
" Mrs. Josephine Walker Matthews is claimed by death ".

Vol. xiv No. 19 - December 23, 1937
"Mrs. Josephine Morton is claimed by death. --- Pioneer Providence woman passes in 84th. year". "---mother of Mrs. Oscar Campbell, Mrs. Newton Campbell, Mrs. John Moore ------".

Vol.xiv No. 21 - January 6, 1938.
" Sardis Church Dedicates Building". " Memorial to Dr. R. G. Miller ".
" The Sardis Associate Reformed Church situated seven miles southeast of Charlotte dates back to 1790 when occasional religious services were held in this neighborhood by Rev. William Blackstocks, then recently from Ireland.
" Under his leadership the families of William Irwin, John Black, James Boyce, John Kirkpatrick and Matthew Wallace formed themselves into an association which comprised the nucleus of the first formal Sardis Church organization in 1797.

"The first pastor, after seven years of supplies by various ministers, was Rev. Isaac Grier, ordained and installed, October 4th. 1804. He served in this capacity until his resignation in 1842, having in the meantime served as pastor of the Waxhaw and Providence churches. He died the following year at the age of 67 years. Two years without an under-shepherd, the small congregation in 1844 called Rev. J. B. Watt who was pastor until 1850 when he resigned to devote his entire time to the two Steel Creek churches which had been part of the jurisdiction of Sardis.

"The next pastor was the son of one of the elders. The Rev. J.M. Walker was ordained and installed in May, 1851.

"He severed his connection with the denomination in 1857 to accept pastorates in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

" Rev. John Hunter 1857

" Rev. R. G. Miller 1887

" Rev. W. W. Boyce 1926

" Rev. Paul L. Grier 1930 (great grandson of Isaac Grier, the first pastor).

Elders -from beginning:

John Black, Sr.
James Boyce, Jr.
Thomas Kirkpatrick
John Irwin
William Wallace
John Black, Jr.
John Wilson
John Grier
Hugh Kirkpatrick, Sr.
William Black
John Boyce
John Witherspoon
Samuel Boyce
Alexander Nisbet
John Walker
Matthew Wallace

James Hood
Arthur Grier
James Wallace
Hugh Boyce
Eli Griffith
Amzi Reid
Joseph Irwin
Lorenzo Hunter
Richard Peoples
I. N. Wallace
S. Calvin Reid
R. W. Irwin
J. Watt Hood
W. Henry Hunter
Dr. L. W. Hunter
S. D. Faulkner
John Randolph
J. Wilson Miller
M. L. Hunter
W. S. Pharr
A. B. Hood
Herbert Randolph

Deacons -

Before 1859 only two names known:

James Wallace
Samuel Boyce

Elected in 1872: J.Watt Hood, J.W.Hunter, T.M.Shaw, T.H.McCall.

Vol. xiv No. 36 - April 21, 1938
" Mrs. H. G. L. Rea Beloved County Reddent, Succumbs "

"---Rev. J.G.Garth ---' Isabella Rea had the same characteristics as Deborah had. She said what she thought and said it in no uncertain terms. And she was usually on the right side. Her strong face, bright eyes, fine sense of humor, ready wit and keen intellect won her many friends from all walks of life. Her loyalty to her minister and her Church, her constancy in attending the worship of God's house, both at Sunday School and preaching, her readiness to do her part in the women's work, her neighborliness and friendly manner won for her a name that gave her a unique place in her own community and other places touched by her presence ".

-- 10 children, 39 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren --

Vol.xiv No. 41 May 26, 1938.
" Providence Citizens Hold Meeting in interest of getting better road .---------which skirts the lower part of the Township -----".

"The new Providence Community house was built of logs by the people of the community on land donated by Mr. W. R. (Uncle Billie) Ross. The money used was won in premiums at the fair last year

Vol. xiv No. 3 Sept. 2, 1937
" Unusual Reunion is held at Providence. Mrs. Jesse W. Siler returns and spends day with her former pupils ".

Vol. xv No. 1 August 18, 1938
" Descendants of John Rea in Reunion at Providence Church ".

Vol. xv No. 16 December 1, 1938.
" Special Service honors Sharon pastor. Rev. Little ends 25 years service at Sharon Church ".

Vol.xv No. 17 December 8, 1938.
" Providence Club Women dedicate new home and hold big Christmas party ".

Vol. xv No. 19 December 22, 1938.
" Bookmobile bought for Library Service over Mecklenburg " ---
" 4-H clubs organize at Matthews and Providence ".

Vol.xv No.31 March 16, 1939.
" H. E. C. Bryant Reminisces in Chapel Hill Weekly ".

Vol. xv No. 38 April 27, 1939.
" A Community Sing will be held at Providence Church Sunday evening, April 30, sponsored by the junior choir of the church- ---".

Vol. xv No. 38 April 27, 1939.
" Matthews Post Office to be dedicated Wednesday P.M.".

Vol.xv No.39 May 4, 1939.
" Providence Church hold Homecoming Day Sunday. --- At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon Rev. John A. Redhead, Jr., of the Second Presbyterian Church in Charlotte will preach. Milton Panetti and his octet will give special messages in song".

Vol.xvi No. 5 September 14, 1939.
" Providence Personal News - Mrs. Mary Downs DeLaney.
---- The Lighting Committee reports the following Memorial lights in the Church:

Donors:
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Siler, Mrs. Grace H. Russell, The Rea Family, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess M. Helms, Mr. Ed. Helms, The Matthews Family.

In Memory Of:
Rev. Josse W. Siler, Edward C. Russell, Jr., Mrs. H.G.L.Rea, Miss Ruth Helms, Mrs. Mattie Helms, Mr. Samuel Watson Matthews.

Lights:
Front of Church, Ladies Parlor, Library, Vestibule Light, Piano Lamp, Choir Light, Pulpit Lamp ".

Vol.
xvi No.8 October 5, 1939.
" Morning Comes to Providence " (Mrs. Mary Downs DeLaney's column)
" We know it is a new day long before the clock strikes five. Just over the way the Pea Fowl on the Eli Springs place scream out a loud salute to the red dawn. A farm bell clangs it's call to work on the McGinnis farm. A car moves swiftly along the highway as Mr. Clark goes to work.
" From down the sand clay road a wagon heavily loaded with cotton creaks slowly along on its way to the gin. A hound dog bays out

his farewell to a thin moon.
" One by one the lights come on in a score of homes scattered along the countryside. Pigs squeal for food. Chickens gather for their morning feeding. Cows wait patiently to be milked. Breakfasts are ready-- Children wait by the highway for school buses.
" Up the highway comes Mr. Rea on his black horse Billy, erect as a grenadier. He has a'good morning' for everyone. He is the spirit of undying youth and typical of our beloved ' Old South '.
" We turn to our day's work. --It's dawn in Providence ".

Vol.xvi. No. 16 November 30, 1939.
(Mrs. Mary Downs DeLaney's column)
" Thanksgiving in Providence came in the usual manner. The old ways of our fathers. Early rising, dinner started, the ride to church. At ten the church begins to fill. The women and girls sitting in pews on the right, the boys and men on the left. It is a true sign that a boy is no longer a baby if he may sit with the men on Sundays and church days.

" Thanksgiving services are short but ever reminiscent of colonial days, when those early Scotch-Irish settlers gathered for praise service, in thanks for peace and prosperity. We can almost visualize the Reas, the Stitts, the McKees and Downs on horseback, and afoot gathering for just such a service - Today, the age-old oak trees look down in dignity on the silent resting place of our ancestors of five generations. They are those who once came, as we now come, to bow in thanks on this appointed day/

" The tall many-paned slave gallery and master pews as they did on that dark Thanksgiving in '61 -- The thick doors hold out the noise of the swift-moving world as surely as in the troubled times of '98-- The brown posts in the aisles stand just as erect as when the sons of the church marched away before Thanksgiving in '17. - The white walls reflect a quiet and peace which belie the turmoil of world strife -- We bow our heads as Mr. Wiley prays ' Dear Lord, we thank Thee --' ".

Vol. xvi No.28 February 29, 1940.
" New Presbyterian Hospital to be ready for use in June ".
(A Charlotte Hospital serving Mecklenburg County and Vicinity W.D.H.)

Vol. xvi No. 29 March 7, 1940.

(Mrs. Mary Downs DeLoney's Column)

" Once long ago Providence men had " Muster " every three months. Some former officer of the Revolution would drill his men in a field set aside for thispurpose.

" The red clay field just in front of the old Downs school house was used for ' Muster '.

" On one particular day a large crowd gathered for the occasion. One lone cannon stood in the bright sunlight under a persimmon tree. ——— A breathless hush went over the crowd for today the cannon was to be fired. A man named Patton was chosen for the task. He gaily went about the job, but something went wrong, the cannon burst and Patton was killed ". ———

" No more do we have ' Muster ', the persimmon tree died in 1929 ". ——"

(Note: This was William L. Patton who was killed July 4, 1830 and who lies buried in the Providence Cemetery with the following on his stone " who was killed by the bursting of a cannon ". W.D.M.)

Vol. xvii (Frances Yandell during this period contributes ' Provi once News Items ' to the Mecklenburg Times).

Vol xvii No. 37 May 1, 1941

"Homecoming at Providence Sunday". —"Dr. P.H.Guyum,Jr., of Davidson College will preach at the 11 o'clock service ———. Rev. W.A. Stone, executive secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery will preach at 2 o'clock———".

Vol. xvii No. 42 June 5, 1941

"Uncle Billy Ross Died At His Home Wednesday (picture)."Mr. Ross was one of the prominent farmers of Mecklenburg County and his farm had for many years been observed by those interested in good farming, better farm products and soil conservation. He was always a leader in community affairs and had so tributed much in building up the community spirit of Providence township. He contributed the land on which the Providence Community house was built.———.

"Serving as a member of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners from 1920 - 1930 ———,— as a member of Mecklenburg County Board of Education from 1904 - 1908 ——".

Vol. xviii No. 24 January 29, 1942 " Anniversary Edition " etc.

" Davidson College Passes Century Mark of Christian Education in Mecklenburg ".

" John C. Smith University Sets Standard For Negro Higher Education In The South ".

" Mathews Funeral Home Serves Wide Area Most Effectively ".

Vol. xviii No. 35 April 16, 1942

" J. M. Caldwell Funeral Monday ". " Mr. Caldwell was a well-known farmer and merchant of the Matthews community. For the last 35 years he had owned and operated a grocery store. He was a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and of the Woodmen of the World. He was the son of the late Tom and Margaret Harrison Caldwell ".

Vol. xix No. 18 December 17, 1942

"Billy Frank Graham at Sharon Sunday"——"Mr. Graham is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Graham on Park road ——".

Vol. xix No. 35 April 29, 1943

" Rev. C. H. Little, pastor of Sharon Presbyterian Church, will preach ——at 11 o'clock——At two o'clock Rev. George A. Stevens, returned missionary from China, will speak and J. Milton Panetti and his octet of male voices will have charge of the music. This group has taken part in this service (Memorial) for about ten continuous years ".

Vol. xix No. 43 July 29, 1943

"Mrs. J. B. Coffey died at age of 75 ".

Vol. xx No. 23 January 20, 1944

" H.E.C.Bryant, known throughout the country as " Red Buck " and one of the best-known newspaper correspondents of Washington, D.C. and a native of Mecklenburg county, quit his work in Washington this week and will come home to his native county to make his home with his brother George Walker Bryant in Providence township. Mr. Bryant started in the newspaper business on the Charlotte Observer about a half century ago and went to Washington 34 years ago. Since that time he has served as correspondent in the Nation's Capital for many of the leading daily newspapers in the country ".

Vol. xx No.27 February 27, 1944

" Sidney F. Grier Funeral Friday ".

Vol. xx No.38 May 4, 1944

" Rev. R. H. Stone ——Mr. James A. Jones, Minister of Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, will preach—— Miss Nancy Carroll of Charlotte will render violin selections and assist the choir at the morning service. The choir of West End Presbyterian Church will sing at the afternoon service ". (Memorial Day)

Vol. xxi No.22 January 11, 1945

" Red Buck Bryant speaker at Charlotte Woman's Club ".

Vol. xxi No.38 May 3, 1945

" Dr. Walter L. Hindle President Emeritus of Davidson College, writer and preacher, will preach at 11 o'clock service ——The Reverend M. I. Howell, Jr., minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Marlot, N.J. ——at the afternoon service in connection with the presentation of the Service Plaque.——The name on the Service Roll number 53 ——".

Vol.xxii No. 21 January 3, 1946

" Mrs. W. M. Ross Of Providence Road Died Monday Morning ".

Vol. xxii No.22 January 10, 1946

"County People Are Stired Up Over Conditions Of Mecklenburg Roads ".

" Death Claims Erskine Rea ".

Vol. xxii No.27 February 14, 1946

" David Matthews Killed In France "

Vol. xxiii No.4 September 5, 1946

" Rev. Little Retires As Sharon Pastor " (33 years)

Vol xxiv No.43 June 3, 1948

" Rev. Mitchell Faulkner " (picture) ——now pastor Pineville (and Harrison) Methodist church and doing a fine job as preacher and pastor ——".

Vol.xxiv No.46 June 24, 1948

"Homecoming At Pleasant Plains Sunday, June 27". "——Rev. James A. Hudson is the present pastor; he has been pastor of the church for the last two years and during that period much progress has been made, including construction of an education building and a kitchen for social events ——".

Vol. xxv No.1 August 12, 1948

" M. C. L. Rea, Aged 95, Dies At Home ".

Vol. xxv No.12 October 28, 1948

" Chicken Supper at Providence Church Nov.5 ".

Vol. xxiv No.38 April 29, 1948

"Homecoming At Providence Is Sunday May 2" ——"Rev. Mr. Howie" (picture). ——

" Rev. Carl G. Howie of Baltimore, Md. a son of Providence —— Dr. W. M. Boyce, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Charlotte——.

" Rev. Carl G. Howie is a former member of Providence Church. He attended high school in Matthews, and was graduated from Davidson College in 1941, and from Union Theological Seminary in 1944, where he won the Larus Fellowship, and is now pursuing a graduate course for a doctor of philosophy in Old Testament Literature in Johns Hopkins University. He is married and is part-time director of religious education in Roland Park Presbyterian church in Baltimore. His parents live in Thomasboro ".

Vol. xxv No.15 November 18, 1948

"Dr. H. G. Bedinger To Be Installed". —"The Pineville Presbyterian Church will install its new minister, Dr. H. G. Bedinger, on Sunday, November 28th.——

" Dr. Bedinger was for the past 18 years president of Flora McDonald College at Red Springs ——".

Vol. xxv No.26 February 3, 1949

" New Man's Morus at Pineville ".

Vol.xxvi No.3 September 1, 1949

"New Full-Time Pastor At Providence Church— While next to the oldest church in Mecklenburg county Providence Presbyterian Church has now employed its first full-time minister.

"Rev. Harold D. Howard (Hayward) of New Jersey, a returned missionary from China where he served the church 15 years, has accepted the call to serve old Providence as its first full time pastor

he will preach his first sermon next Sunday, September 4th.

"Rev. Howard (Hayward) and Mrs. Howard (Hayward) have been visiting in Montreat recently, but have already moved into the newly-erected manse —a beautiful little home of brick construction and is located a short distance east of the main edifice———.

"When Providence was first organized it joined with Clear Creek— now Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in engaging its first regular pastor in the entire eastern section of the county: he was the Rev. James Wallace (Wallis). The agreement thus made between the two churches now constitutes one of Mecklenburg's most historical instruments; for it preserves the name and signature of two of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence— Adam Alexander and John Queery. The other signers of the agreement for old Providence were: John Ramsay, James Linn, John Hagens, James Houston, Andrew Bea, James Graffon, James Johnston, James Teate, Thomas Black, Robert Stewart. The date of the agreement was January 27, 1770 ——".

(Note several inaccuracies apart from spelling of names-
1. Providence not second oldest church
2. Providence not known as "old Providence". It was "New Providence" through the greater part of the Wallis pastorate - 1792 - 1819.
3. James Wallis was about ten years old when the agreement between Providence and Clear Creek was signed. It is to be considered quite within the realm of possibility that he ministered to Clear Creek and supplied that pulpit occasionally during the years 1792 - 1819. The records are inadequate.
W.D.H.)

Vol. xxvi No.32 March 23, 1950

" Know Your County Police " (picture) " Paul Reed " (president in Providence).

Vol. xxvi No. 34 April 20, 1950

"Voting Precincts And Judges Announced" — "Providence: Matthews place Community House, Providence Road; registrar, G. L. Heyward, Matthews, Rt.1, S. M. Hollinis, Matthews, Mrs. Hayo Stephenson, Matthews ".

Vol. xxvi No. 38 May 4, 1950

" Miss Blakeney, Honored Teacher In Schools, Dies ".

(Following items slightly out-of-place chronologically"M.D.H.)

Vol. xxiii No.19 December 19, 1946

"W C T U Contest (picture)— Winner of the speech contest conducted by the WCTU at Cornelius High School is Miss Grace Campbell, a student at Matthews High School —— Miss Campbell was awarded a gold medal for her reading of ' A Certain Young Rich Man ' by Mrs. T. M. Pelmmons of Charlotte ".

Vol.xxiii No.37 April 24, 1947

"Homecoming Day At Providence Presbyterian Church——Dr. C. M. Boyd, Mecklenburg Presbytery's Minister to the Hospitals —— The Reverend Charles E. S. Kraemer, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church ——".

Vol. xxiii No.44 June 12, 1947

"Builds Camp" (picture)

" Rev. J. Walton Stewart, who started a One-Man Development of Mecklenburg Presbytery Camp ——".

RED BUCK BRYANT'S REMINISCENCES IN THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER. EXCERPTS.

November 11, 1945 " Charlotte was rather slow to fall for baseball but when it did great was the tumble. In 1908 a new grandstand was opened, and a team organized. An average of from 800 to 1,000 persons - men, women and children - witnessed the games ".

" In looking over the spectators I was struck with the character of the crowd, for a more promiscuous aggregation never got together. Shoe shines, bankers, preachers, Sunday School teachers, barkeepers, prohibitionists and antiprohibitionists sat side by side and yelled--".

Nov. 18, 1945 " Mecklenburg county was among the first in the State to have bird hunters and bird dogs. Down in the lower part of the county the two pioneers in that sport were Captain James B. Robinson and Mr. Moses Allen Parks, the great-grandfathers of many youngsters in their old neighborhood today. They hunted together, and owned the first setters brought to that section of North Carolina ".

December 23, 1945 " The South more than any other section of the United States, celebrated with firecrackers. In northern states, they were used on the Fourth of July. The poppers originated in the Orient. Louisana, Florida, the West Indies and Mexico and other regions to the south, formerly possessed by France and Spain, were early users of firecrackers and other southern states borrowed the practice from them. The Puritans of New England did not like the practice, the Cavaliers of Virginia did. In the North, East and West firecrackers are now shot on patriotic days while in Dixie they are held almost exclusively for Christmas ".

" The beautiful custom of crying ' Christmas give?' early of the morning of the 25th. is not kept up as it was fifty or more years ago. In the old days even Negroes on a plantation would steal up before daybreak and yell: ' Christmas give?'. Now, it is a wish for a ' Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year '".

" I have found very little difference in Christmas in North Carolina, the District of Columbia, in New York and Massachusetts. My happiest Christmases were spent at the old home in Providence township, Mecklenburg county, and the money layout for the day did not run over a dollar. Today that would not begin to satisfy any child who loves Santa Claus ".

June 5, 1949 " I create the impression that I am what I am not. For instance, some readers think I am a specialist on church history, genealogy, the Scotch-Irish, Presbyterians, fox hunting, or something else, but, in truth, I am not an expert in anything. I write just what comes to mind. If I had to do a lot of research that would be work - too much for a retired man of my age. I like the outdoors too well to spend hours in a library. I have a vivid imagination, a fairly active brain, and restless feet.

" I am not a Scotch - Irishman - but more English than Scotch. I have a lot of Bryant and Parks blood in my veins - and it came from England, not Scotland.

" We have just had a learned man as supply preacher at Providence Presbyterian church; his name; Charles R. Eberhardt, a teacher of Bible at Davidson college. He is active, quick witted and learned and has a sound and useful education, part of which he got in Scotland, and part in America ".

January 6, 1946 " Right now Southerners for the sake of a little job or a bit of cheap flattery are smearing the land that bred them. Instead of standing up for the principles of their forefathers Southern writers for a few dollars or a little glory are picking what flaws they can find in this section to sell to unfriendly publications in the North ".

May 5, 1946 Quotes from Wayland F. Dunaway's " The Scotch-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania " (Univ. of N.C. Press, 1944).

" The emigrants of Pennsylvania into North Carolina, beginning about 1740 and getting well underway by 1750, continued in an increasing stream until the Revolution" ——" Composed of Scotch-Irish, Germans, and smaller numbers of English and Welsh Quakers, it added a substantial element to the population of that colony. The Scotch-Irish, the largest single group in this immigration, came mostly from Pennsylvania, though many came from Virginia, and some direct from Ulster. The numerous Pennsylvania contingent occupied a large area between the Catawba and Yadkin. Glowing reports of the excellence of the climate and the fertility of the soil proved a sufficient inducement to undertake the long journey as to a promised land.

" The Scotch-Irish settled in large numbers in the North Carolina counties of Granville, Orange, Rowan, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Gilford, Davidson and Cabarrus.

" The effects of the Scotch-Irish immigration upon the development of North Carolina were profound and lasting. Establishing schools,

and churches wherever they went, they exerted no slight influence in shaping the history of the colony and state. They were mainly responsible for establishing Davidson college.

" The emigration of the Pennsylvanian Scotch-Irish to South Carolina was likewise considerable, but this time they were not accompanied by their German brethren, except perhaps a handful. Although some Scotch-Irish entered South Carolina through the port of Charleston, the majority of them came by the route through Virginia and North Carolina. Their first settlement was in the uplands known as ' the Waxhaws ' and the ' Long Canes ', whence they spread over a considerable area into regions roundabout. The advance guard, consisting of some six or seven families, arrived on the Waxhaw in May, 1751 ".

May 8, 1949 " Mr. Caldwell gave me my nickname, but had called me ' Brick Top ', before he dubbed me ' Red Buck '. He was great on bestowing names. In fact, many newspaper editors had a habit of doing that in those days. Charles A. Dana of the New York Sun was gifted at it ".

March 6, 1949 " The passing of the old field school is sad to men and women of the gay nineties. I learned my ABCs at Carolina Academy, in lower Providence township, under Prof. Leitner Shirley, who walked from his home in South Carolina, across the line into North Carolina, to teach me and fifty-odd others.

" For 15 years he was master of our rural school, and prepared many boys and girls for life, or college. He knew how to inspire students to higher education. In a plain, plank, one-room building, he gave children the rudiments, and a desire for more.

" Our books were few, but worthwhile. Beginning with a 10-cent copy of Webster's blue-back speller, we advanced slowly but surely to William Holmes McGuffey's readers, Matthew Fontaine Maury's geography, and Sanford's common school arithmetic.

" We had one wooden bucket and one tin dipper to quench thirst. The water came from Mr. Thomas Hall's well, nearby, or from an old-fashioned spring. Boys were sent for the daily supplies. Individual cups had not become popular then.

" No rest rooms were thought of but there were acres of forests to the front and back of the building, with playgrounds for the boys on one side and those for girls the other. A large wood-burning stove, of the simplest construction, furnished heat. The house that preceded that one was of logs ".

" Some of the ablest lawyers, doctors, preachers and business men of North Carolina and South Carolina attended the log schools back in those early days. Providence had for its log house such men as E. C. Kuykendal, John A. Boyd, Leitner Shirley, and others. Mr. Shirley was fortunate enough to carry on until frame buildings succeeded the log ones.

" If Mr. Shirley gave a boy or girl, who had completed his courses, the green light for college there was no doubt of his or her ability to enter the University of North Carolina, Davidson College, Trinity College (now Duke University), Wake Forest, Peace Institute, Agnes Scott or like institutions of learning in the South. Some of his scholars became brilliant lawyers, doctors and ministers of the gospel. Children of many of the leading families of the community he served became highly educated ".

March 3, 1949 " As a child, I was taught to respect good Negroes, and I have found that, wherever I have been, if I did not forget my rearing, I would have the respect of white and colored people. I have never gone about with a chip on my shoulder to be knocked off by persons of another race. In the North, members of the white race think of the Negro in mass, while in the South, individuals are considered. In the North, many white men and women pass the Negro as if he was a wooden Indian in front of a store - they may see him but show no sign they recognize him as a human being. In the South, a well-bred Southerner, speaks to Negroes as he journeys ".

" Recently, local officials from the Syracuse section of New York asked Charlotte people to help locate kinsmen of John Henry Davis, a Negro man who held a job there for 30 years, and, when he died some time ago, left $ 5,000, but no relatives were there to claim it. That Davis is said to be one of the ' Yellow Will ' Davis family of Providence township.

" As a youngster I knew ' Yellow Will ' Davis and his children. My father used to say that he was as honest as any man white or colored. He had dealings with him. He let him have money one day with the understanding that he would return it as soon as he had that much to spare. Five years later he returned the amount.

" ' Yellow Will ' Davis had ambition for his children, and strained daily to see that they went to school. Three or more of them became teachers, and did well. I have never heard of a black sheep in his family. He was so well-considered that the committee of our district consulted him about prospective employees for the colored school. Captain W. E. Ardrey, Dr. Thomas Kell and Henry Bryant of that group depended on his judgement for the right sort of teachers for the race school ".

March 27, 1949 (Robert A. Boyd) " After attending community schools in Chester county, young Boyd went to Davidson college where he graduated with honors in 1873. He then taught at Steele Creek in Mecklenburg county. From there, he came to Providence township, and taught Greek and Latin at Kell's School House (also called Carolina Academy). He was instrumental in sending many boys to colleges and universities. After he was married to Mary Elizabeth Parks of this old neighborhood, he went to Gastonia to teach. Later he taught at Clover, and then Fort Mill where the Tillman movement took possession of his independent mind ".

May 22, 1949 " The Methodist church in Mecklenburg county has an interesting history. The Harrison congregation on the Charlotte - Lancaster highway, near the South Carolina line, was the first to organize. Starting with an arbor, as those of other denominations did, it quickly progressed to a rude structure of hewn logs.

" The original meeting house, erected on a little knoll immediately back of the west wall of the cemetery, was 40 by 30 feet, with puncheon floors, oak-board roof, and split-log seats. The pulpit at one end and the entrance door, the other. It was erected by Harrison Hood, and others, shortly after the South Carolina Methodist conference was organized in 1785. That log building gave way to a frame one, on a site several hundred yards to the south of it, and, in 1902, the present imposing structure was completed. The congregation is now at work on the graveyard, enclosing it with a boxwood hedge, and brick corners and entrances ".

" Churches then were stricter on their ministers than they are today. Differences of belief were causes of trouble. Congregations split into factions over ways to salvation. In some instances large groups withdrew from mother organizations. Harrison attracted dissatisfied families from Providence and other churches ".

" The Harrison congregation struggled through bitter periods. It suffered for years for lack of competent ministers, After 1815 the number of adherents doubled, and trebbled, but it was as late as 1850 before the church began to make substantial progress. Then its ministers were much better prepared to carry on the work expected of them. Camp meetings were common and the services at them drew large crowds; Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists held such meetings and profited by them; people for many miles around attended ".

September 28, 1947 " The remains of Messrs. Richardson and Davie rest in the old cemetery of the old Waxhaw Presbyte ian Church, just across the line in South Carolina.

" Mrs.Richardson, returning from a meeting one day, found her husband cold in death. A year later she was given an old Scotch test to prove that she killed him but she was acquitted. By her side in that ordeal was her friend, Mrs. Andrew (Betty) Jackson, mother of the seventh President of the United States. Later, Mrs. Jackson died of a fever, Nancy Craighead was by her bedside, Mrs. Richardson's second husband was George Du lap, and many Dunlaps in the State are descendents of that union. She and Mr. Richardson had no children ".

September 14, 1947 " Providence township claims credit for the first cotton manufacturing plant in the county. A small factory located near Matthews and owned by the Grier family ran for a time. Nothing is left of the mill today but the site is pointed out by those who know of its existence. The establishment of that enterprise came from suggestions brought over from Northern Ireland by earlyesettlers in this section of the country ".

October 12, 1947 " Providence Presbyterian church, in the lower part of Mecklenburg county, has had a curious problem for many years - a marker, saying ' New Providence 1730 '.

" In Pennsylvania, near Octarara creek, I found this tablet on an old church: ' Norriton - Lower Providence Presbyterian church, founded at Norriton prior to 1698 '. The original stone building (erected that year) is still standing on the Germantown Pike, at Fairview village, doubtless the oldest momento of Presbyterian enterprise within the bounds of Pennsylvania.

" At Lower Providence (this place) five church buildings have been erected successively on the grounds - 1730, 1741, 1775, 1844 and 1868. Known by 1758 as the United Congregations of Norriton and New Providence. Incorporated into one body by state charter 1822 ". (Mr. Bryant is quoting in the above)

" Mr. Foote says that the Providence church of Mecklenburg was called New Providence for many years but finally ' New ' was dropped.

" There are new Provinces in all the States south of Pennsylvania where Presbyterians organized congregations.

" That marker at Providence may have been carried to Mecklenburg county from the Quaker State ".

October 26, 1947 " Harrison may have had that sort of start (referring to a statement by Dr. J.B.Alexander in his History of Mecklenburg County regarding poverty of early Methodists) but it was not long until it attracted wealthy men of this section of North and South Carolina. Among its active members for years were ' Big Jim ' Davis, the largest slave owner in lower Mecklenburg; Mr. Wash Mills who owned about 1500 acres of fertile farming lands, Capt. William E. Ardrey, several times member of the North Carolina Legislature, Captain James B. Robinson, ' Big Jim ' Cunningham, M. L. Davis, and scores of other well-to-do farmers ".

November 2, 1947 " Mr. H. G. L. Rea may not be the last of the Romans but he certainly is a relic of the horse and buggy era. Now, on his way to his 94th birthday, he looks back upon the time when he used mule-power to till his lands, to run his thresher, saw and move lumber, and drive his gin. He prospered when life was simple but hard. No man knew more about the ability or the ways of the mule, and how to utilize his power. Nowadays if one wants to do an extraordinary job of pulling or clearing he sends for a neighbor with a bull-dozer but back in the old days his parents or grandparents sent for Green Rea, who had mules and Negroes thoroughly trained and powerful. He had none but good ones, and his word with them was the rule and the gospel ".

" His parents saw that he gote a fair education, such as oldfields school of 80 years ago offered. He was a student at the school of the late E. C. Kuykendal, one of the leading rural educators of his day, near Providence church. He is the last one of the pupils taught by that remarkable man. Given a good start he worked his way; with mules and Negroes as tools he possessed. He was brought up on the rule of Captain John Smith, who, in 1608, when this country was young, warned: ' You must obey this, now, for a law - ' he that will not work shall not eat '".

February 15, 1948 (Quotes from Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire's " Nonnulla " re. Ezekiel Polk, grandfather of James K. Polk's reputed epitaph)

" Here lies the ashes of old E. P.
One instance of immortality.
Pennsylvania born, North Carolina bred,
Died in Tennessee on his bed "

" His early days were spent in pleasure,
His later years in getting treasure.
From superstitition lived quite free,

But practiced strict morality,
To pious cheats was never willing
To give one solitary shilling.
He could foresee, and foreseeing
He equalled any man in seeing,
That church and state would join their power
Misfortunes on this land to shower.
The Methodists with their camp-bawlings
Will be the cause of this down-falling,
A fate he's not reserved to see,
But leaves to poor posterity.
First fruits and tithes are odious things
And so are bishops, priests and kings ".

March 3, 1948 " For the first time in about 200 years, Providence township, Mecklenburg county, is without a school for white children. Sons and daughters of people in this neighborhood are sent to Pineville or Matthews, or by private conveyance to Charlotte. (Last session of county school by church ended 1924
Last session of county school near Robinson's Store ended 1948 - H.D.H.)

June 13, 1948 " The oldest and most popular Negro church in Providence township is Big Pineville, so far from highways, and residences, that it is the only house of worship not provided with electricity although it has been wired for three or more years. Great throngs attend services there, and occasionally some powerful pulpiteer lands many sinners, turning them into converts ".

September 26, 1948 " Mr. Henry, like other human beings had to have bread and meat and a place to rest and sleep; therefore, a question of money arose. The Presbytery in session at Cub Creek, October 16, 1766, the year Rev. Alexander Craighead, who had been preaching occasional sermons in the grove where the Providence congregation assembled for worship, until a regular pastor could be employed, died, adopted this minute: ' Mr. Henry and his session have agreed before Presbytery, that if the said session cannot settle their congregational affairs respecting Mr. Henry's salary to his satisfaction, in a month from this time, they are willing to acquit him of his pastoral relation, and to allow him to remove where he pleases - in which Presbytery concurs '".

" No settlement was made and Mr. Henry visited North Carolina and received a call from ' the united congregations of Steele Creek and NewProvidence ' and accepted it. ' In May he died, and was buried at Cub Creek '".

October 10, 1948 (Writing on Bees) " Often bees are wayward but seem to like to go to churches. The two leading houses of worship in Providence township, Providence and Harrison, have hives. Some are Presbyterians, others Methodists. The ones at Providence pick high places in the gables for their honey while those at Harrison prefer lower cavities. During the summer months church-going bees test the religion of members who get in their way ".

March 2, 1947 " Back in 1896, three houses in Providence township were shunned as haunted, two in Pineville, one at Fort Mill, and one near Matthews. Doomed, the places stood, unoccupied, and delapidated, weird, with lawns grown up in weeds, neglected and snaky looking. They were reputed to be the meeting places of spirits from the other world ".

November 17, 1946 " Captain William E. Ardrey and Mr. E. C. Kuykendal of Mecklenburg county left records that made it easy for writers of local history to see just what sort of people this section of the country had in their days ".

" I have read many interesting personal records of men and women, carefully kept, and was benefited by them ".

April 7, 1946 " Another history of the Scotch-Irish in America was published by Charles A. Hanna, in 1902. Mr. Hanna, now quite old, lives in New York, and is a very interesting man. His book is in two volumes. In writing about Alexander Craighead, a man who did more than any other to fan the sentiment that resulted in the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in May, 1775, although he died nine years before the resolves were issued, Hanna said: ' Mr. Alexander Craighead organized the congregations of Rocky River and Sugaw Creek, the oldest Presbyterians in the upper country, and in a large measure the parent churches of the seven (Sugaw Creek, Hopewell, New Providence, Centre, Rocky River, Poplar Tent and Steele Creek) whose representatives formed the Mecklenburg convention which met at Charlotte, May 1775. From these and adjoining congregations also was recruited the army which, on May 15th, 1771, four years before the Battle of Lexington, gathered at Alamance and fought for their liberties against the troops of Tryon, the royal Governor. His illegal and oppressive measures had caused them to rise in revolt '".

" Rev. Alexander Craighead, first Presbyterian preacher to settle in the Charlotte territory, joined Whitefield in his triumphal swing in Pennsylvania. One of the charges against him there was that he went about the country preaching and singing ".

July 10, 1949 " My recollection of any sort of music except in the nursery at our home or th hymns at religious meetings in churches, at camp meetings or under revival tents was that of the Pineville String Band that played every year at the school exhibitions held at Carolina academy, at Kell's schoolhouse, in Providence township ".

" Some sections of Mecklenburg county seemed to have more musically invlined persons than others, Sardis neighborhood, for instance, was noted for its singers. That may have been because a singing teacher, Mr. Richard Hunter (Dick Hunter) lived and flourished there.

" Musicians ran in families. The Cicero Williamses - father, mother and children -- of the Harrison community sang and their influence extended to others.

" I remember when no church in our vicinity had a musical instrument of any kind. A choir leader had charge of the singing and he generally carried a tuning fork in his pocket to give a tone of a certain pitch. Later came organs of the simplest sort ".

" Recently, the Men's Chorus of Pineville has been entertaining neighboring congregations with delightful music. That group, directed by the Rev. A. M. Faulkner, popular Methodist preacher, has a membership of about 25 ".

" At Matthews there is the Community Choral society, which under the direction of Mrs. H. V. Carson, has had wonderful success. It gives a service of sacred music that charms intelligent audiences".

December 11, 1949 " Two years ago, when men of Providence Presbyterian church organized their club, the guest speaker was L. M. Ogluhian, a native of Armenia, now a merchant of Charlotte. Some weeks ago he returned to make another speech.------- bold, frank and interesting; he did not hesitate to say what he thought, a and his address was forceful. ------. The climax of his speech was the ballot box. What he said about the freedom of this country that allowed a man to have a home, to worship God as he sees fit, to send his children to school and to vote is a most eloquent tribute ".

June 26, 1949 " There seems to be a growing demand for accurate information about the South. The Daughters of the American Revolution are in position to give it. Their programs for seeking out and marking spots, when achieved, will help future writers of history. The University of North Carolina, Duke University,

and other institutions of learning in North and South Carolina, through their libraries, are building funds of important facts and publications. Recently I spent a day at Montreat, and saw a remarkable collection assembled there, where great efforts are being made to go back to the beginnings of church work in America ".

" There is much talk of the plan of the Daughters of the American Revolution to restore the old Hezekiah Alexander home in the Sugar Creek Presbyterian church section. Elaborate plans have been made for a splendid effort at retrieving the last of the old colonial style of rock houses in the county ".

December 17, 1950 " Providence Presbyterian church in Mecklenburg county has a new and learned minister, who preaches able sermons, using the Bible for his texts, and appeals for better living. Very frank in his attitude toward his congregation, he gets careful attention. A recent discourse of his on love attracted more than ordinary local consideration. On a recent Sunday, his text was: ' God and Man - The One Love '.

" The Reverend Harold D. Hayward, Th.D., the pastor, has been interesting many outsiders by forceful preaching. What he said about Paul's letter to his friends in Corinth, known as the First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, and particularly the sum-up in the closing verse ' So faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love ', made a profound impression on those who heard it.

" Love is the greatest thing in the world for love is God, and love requires the courage of every conviction for God, the coordination of every talent for God, and the Christlikeness of every emotion for God. And if for God, then certainly for men, for Providence, for your family, for you ". (H.E.C.B. is quoting).

March 25, 1951 " Not so long ago, our Providence community suffered a devastating fire. A seed and tool house on the old Ross place, now owned by Mr. R. D. Ross, was burned to the ground with all its stores of valuable things. ".

April 1, 1951 (Quotes from sermon on ' Alcohol ' by his pastor, Dr. Harold D. Hayward).

April 8, 1951 " Osmond L. Barringer brought the first automobile to Charlotte. It was a sight to see and a curiosity to all who saw it. Soon, half a dozen or more were seen in the city. Owners of such motor vehicles were called ' the gasoline aristocracy '".

April 29, 1951 " About the time the War Between the States started, Thomas L. Vail, operator of a turpentine forest business in Greene county, came to Charlotte to attend an auction sale of slaves. He wanted some tall Negroes who could reach high on trees that had been boxed above the height of medium-sized men.

" He liked this section so well he returned to make his home in Providence township and to farm. Afterward, he moved to what is now the Myers Park area and purchased land and was elected to the board of county commissioners, of which he was chairman.

" He was in that office when the first strip of macadam road was constructed, as an experiment. His record in that job may have been forgotten in the upward movement of recent decades but it was good.

" Joe Grier (grandson of T.L.V.), the storekeeper, who has enough originality for a dozen ordinary men, could give me thoughts if he would. He might think that some of the worst pestsm like the boll weevil, the corn borer, the English sparrow and the linberneck in poultry and dogs, had been brought over from foreign countries by some of the learned experts sent away to find new things. His grandpa was a conservative in his day.

May 13, 1951 " A byword habit seems incurable. Providence had a very learned minister of the gospel years ago (**Rev. Roger Martin) who prayed for ' fructifying showers ' so frequently a kinsman who was busy fighting ' General Green ' (crab grass) said of him: ' I believe he would pray for fructifying showers ' if the cotton rows were knee-deep in water '".

June 8, 1951 " I am sure if Thomas Jefferson were alive today Mecklenburg county would not invite him to make a speech on the 20th. of May - the day Charlotte celebrates. He was skeptical on the subject of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20th. 1775 ".

July 8, 1951 " Recently when Rev. C. Wayne Potter was installed as pastor of the Waxhaw and Banks Presbyterian churches in Union County, Rev. E. C. Debele, of the Commonwealth Presbyterian church of Charlotte, delivered an interesting sermon on the lack of religious activity and gave reasons for it ".

(H.E.C.B. quotes from the sermon at length)

** Pastor, Providence, 1888 - 1891 (H.D.H.)

June 17, 1951 " For a decade or longer, church congregations in Mecklenburg and adjoining counties have been remodeling and adding to their places of worship. While the boll weevil and other pests have made farming a gamble, land values have increased, largely due to the development and growth of Charlotte and neighboring towns, and funds for buildings have increased.

" Within two years Providence Presbyterian church has constructed a manse and a Sunday school building and Harrison Methodist church a parsonage. The purpose seems to be to make the places more desirable for ministers and congregations.

" An able and resourceful pastor of Providence church, Rev. Robert Zenas Johnston, not only taught a school, but farmed - he purchased land and a home - and the home still stands today, a story and a half frame building, which was never painted.

" In that humble home, Mr. Johnston started life as family man, preacher, teacher and farmer. Now, the home, if new, would hardly be pretentious enough for an ambitious farm tenant. At that time Mr. Johnston not only served the Providence congregation but one at Sharon Presbyterian church. Before he left for Lincolnton to spend the remaining part of his career he had won success as minister of the gospel and teacher.

" Mr. Johnston might have been called the ' Marrying Parson of Mecklenburg ' for he united approximately 150 couples in matrimony in this area, doing that important service for Methodist, Presbyterians and those of other denominations. He traveled on horseback or in a buggy or two-wheeled cart, drawn by a horse, to his posts of duty, and the homes of his people. He was friendly, accommodating, and active. Today descendants of his are scattered about the nation doing well, making good in various capacities.

" The Johnston residence was near those of the Reids, McKees, Griers, Knoxes, Samples, Kuykendals, and others. Across from it, now, is the residence of William N. McKee, 85- year old elder of Providence church and his three sons, Billy, John and Joe.

" Billy McKee, the elder, now 85, used to visit the Johnstons when he was a boy.

" He commented on the distance we have come since those hospitable neighborly years; everbody now goes dashing by his home in motor cars. Being a man of friendly disposition, he likes to speak to people who pass. Some days his arm becomes tired from waving to the gasoline aristocracy as it speeds over the hard-surfaced road recently completed. In the old days, if he heard someone coming it was through the hoof beats of horses under saddles or two-wheeled vehicles ".

" Mr. Johnston grew cotton, corn and small grain, had milk cows, orchards, pigs pens, and other things to enable him to provide for his family. He belonged to the bearded gentry - the safety razor had not then been invented, and a clean-shaven face was a problem. His whiskers did not militate against him; he was right in fashion. Despite his stremuous efforts to keep the wolf from his door Mr. Johnston had time to prepare good sermons, and his pews were fairly-well filled, including those in the galleries built for colored worshippers ".

" Dr. Harold D. Hayward, of Providence, lives in a striking-looking brick manse, surrounded by garden and shade trees, in the upper section of Providence township, and Rev. Kenneth Crouse, occupies a snug well-furnished parsonage in Lower Providence.

" Before Mr. Johnston was called to preach at Providence, Rev. Jethro Rumple served it as pastor. He went from there to Salisbury. A Charlotte man who knew Dr. Rumple gave me this story: Sam Parks, a slave of Moses Allen Parks, was a member of that church - he and a half hundred others of his race belonged to it. The present building, erected in 1860, was inspired by him. He said the galleries, provided for them, were difficult of access and uncomfortable. He and others appealed to Dr. Rumple and the session for better accommodations. The subject was then considered and a new and better building the result ".

" Elders at that time were: Messrs. Billy Rea, Morrison Stitt, William McKee, E. A. Kuykendal, Hugh M. Parks, and Colonel Dunn. In the old church the pulpit was very high, with a sounding board above. The galleries were dingy and to close to the roof - a man of average height had to steep to keep from striking his head on rafters. The stairway that ran to it went up from the outside. Sam Parks did not like the arrangement for his people and said so. At that time the church had 166 members, including Negroes ".

" Soon after the new building was erected the colored communicants moved out in a block - that was during the service of Mr. Johnston. A preacher from the North had a secret meeting with them and urged them to establish their own church, and that they did. No suggestion of the pastor or the session, or treatment by the congregation made them move.

August 12, 1951 " When I was a lad on my father's farm I rode a horseback to three camp meetings, Pleasant Grove and Antioch in Union county, and Belaire, just over the line in South Carolina ".

" People in this country may not appreciate the freedom they have until they attend an old time camp meeting to hear ministers preach the gospel as they interpret it ".

SKETCH OF THE BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, A DAUGHTER CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUBMITTED BY F. C. KENELL, 1951.

This church was so-named after Reverend William Banks of Fort Hill, S.C. while pastor of Providence and Unity (Fort Hill) Presbyterian Churches in the early 1870's. He began giving afternoon appointments at the Wolfeville Academy on the Providence - Warlaw Road, an academy which he kept until his death a few years later.

In 1875 the Marvin Methodist Episcopal Church was built and the Presbyterians invited to move their appointment to the new building and they accepted. Rev. U. Springs Robinson succeeded William Banks at Providence and also undertook the appointment at Marvin. The minister made his home near Robinson's store. He preached twice monthly at Marvin.

In 1881, Rev. W. E. McIlwain then pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church and chairman of Home Missions in Mecklenburg Presbytery, after consultation with the people of the community, recommended the establishment of a church building begun in March 1881. It was located on the land now occupied by the church-yard and donated by Dr. and Mrs. William McIlwain.

Dr. James T. Kell, an elder at Providence, headed the subscription list of the present Marvin church building though he did not live to see its completion. The building begun in 1881 was used as a ' chapel ' for eight years. Then came the present building. The church has always tried to finance its own way.

It has an honored history in the Marvin neighborhood and been of great influence in the lives of the people who live in the surrounding area.

The early ministers at Marvin are as follows: G. S. Robinson, W. R. Atkinson, John McLees, Roger Martin 1891, Jesse M. Miller, 1893, W. C. Davis, 1901, J. B. Mack, 1904, N. P. Parker, 1907, C. C. Carson, 1911, W. E. McIlwain, 1912 - 1913. Each of these excepting W. E. McIlwain were full ministers or supplies at Providence Church with whom Marvin shared the pastorate.

Elders of the church have included Dr. J. T. Kell, W. J. Stevenson, W. S. Smith, R. J. McIlwain, Oscar W. Potts, L. E. Cunningham, Dr. R. M. Potts, R. A. Hudson, R. L. White, J. S. Lowry and F. P. Stephenson. Deacons have included apart from certain of the elders who were first deacons, Dr. W. M. Howell, T. J. Kell, Sr., S. D. Rowie, J. Hunter Ross, F. E. Crane, A. C. Bryant, W. C. Cunningham, S. T. Kell, Jr., and J. K. Alexander.

The Women's Auxiliary was organized through the instrumentality of Mrs. Lavinia McIlwain Rone in the early "chapel" days of Banks.

NOTES ON THE HARRISON METHODIST CHURCH A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUBMITTED BY WALTER S. ROBINSON AND OTHERS.

The authentic history of the church begins in 1815 although there are indications that meetings were held in the neighborhood at an earlier date. In 1815 the church was embraced in what was called the Sugar Creek circuit with Bethel, Mt. Moriah, Rogers, Roses, McCircles, Mayhews, Christenbury's, Martins, Charlotte, Chalk Level, Gilbearts, Tyatira, Wallaces, Harrisons, New Hope, and Howells.

The Presiding Elder of the District during the early years, 1815 - 1817 was Daniel Asbury of the famous Asbury name in Methodism. The Pastor of the Charge in 1815 - 1816 was W. B. Barnett and in 1817 Reuben Tucker. The first Quarterly Meeting held at the ' Harrison Meeting House ' was in 1818.

In 1834 the name of the circuit was changed from Sugar Creek to Charlotte. Charlotte became a Station in 1840. A large revival under the leadership of Claudius Prichard swept through Lower Providence Township and the Harrison area in 1847 and it is said that 300 white and colored converts joined the church at this time.

Prominent family names in the church during this period were Robinson, Davis, Stitt, Ardrey, Hanson, Cunningham, Patterson, Davidson and Moore. These names were also familiar in Providence Presbyterian Church records in most instances. For example, William Taylor Stitt had been baptized in Providence Church.

Stephen L. Munson and probably William A. Ardrey had been baptized at Providence. James R. Cunningham transferred his membership from Providence to Harrison because of its proximity.
The first church building was a kind of ' brush arbor ' roughly built. The land was donated by Harrison Hood from which source the church assumed its name.
An old log schoolhouse stood at the northwest corner or side of the present churchyard and served from 1846 onward for many years as both church and school. William R. Cunningham served as teacher at the old schoolhouse longer than anyone. He was known to his pupils and neighbors as ' Mr. Bill '. The school served a neighborhood reaching from as far away as Walter S. Robinson's store area to the east into South Carolina on the west.
During the same year, 1846, a Sunday School was organized for Harrison with opportunity for religious education for the youth. Mr. W. Burringer was then the P.C. for Harrison.
Later, another schoolhouse was erected in the grove on the same west or northwest side. This was a weather-board construction and it was painted. Miss Ida Kerr taught school there for several years.
The first real church building may be said to have been built in 1866. It had three big windows upstairs in front, for it had its gallery. There were two doors and two windows downstairs in front and the church boasted of two aisles in its interior. The aisles were covered with runner carpets.

This building was later disposed of by sale to a Baptist group in Pineville.

Harrison Church had been in what was known as the North Carolina Conference but in 1869 - 1870 it was transferred to the North Carolina Conference and became part of the Charlotte District. The present church structure was erected in 1902 - the third of the Harrison church buildings.

A beautiful new church parsonage was constructed in 1950 on land adjacent to the church and in that same year the church was separated from the dual arrangement with the Pineville Methodist Church and became a station with its own pastor.

Captain Ardrey was Superintendent of the Sunday School for forty years. O. E. Cunningham, H. M. Cunningham, and J. P. Ardrey followed in turn.

The first funeral and committal service after the erection of the present church edifice was for the late Fannie McGinn, wife of M. L. McGinn; one of the prominent families of the Harrison neighborhood. It is said that the first prayer there was offered by ' praying ' John Moore.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE MATTHEWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUBMITTED BY MRS. LADY DUNN KNOX (1951)

A commission from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg organized the Matthews Presbyterian Church on February 10, 1877. There were twenty-five charter members of whom Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Amzi G. Reid were transferred from the Providence Presbyterian Church. Other charter members include the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McLeod, Miss M. E. Pyron, S. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Orr, Mrs. Margaret Shall, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yandle, Mrs. Nancy Squires, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Robeson, A. M. McCall, J. C. McCall, Margaret McLeod, Miss R.A. McLeod, M.M. Diggers, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyron, Mary Alice McLeod and Mary A. Pyron.

The earliest records of the church have been lost. The existing records begin with 1886. At that time J. S. Reid was the Clerk of Session and fellow ruling elders were D. C. Robeson and T. P. Pyron. The land for the church building was donated by J. S. Reid.

Rev. M. M. Parker, pastor of Providence and Davis, supplied the pulpit for a time. Dr. H. E. Burney came later to pastor the Matthews - Sharon - and Carmel group. Shortly afterwards Dr. Burney went to Monroe and Rev. Charles Hinsley succeeded him in a grouping of Matthews with Providence.

When Providence called Dr. Burney he again served Matthews in

a Providence - Matthews grouping. This pastorate lasted for seven years.

The first church building was removed in 1929 and a new one completed in 1942 and dedicated in 1943. It is one of the most charming small church buildings in Mecklenburg.

The records indicate that of the original charter members - E. A. McCleod and D. C. Robeson were elected deacons with the latter becoming a ruling elder as indicated above and that J. M. Pyron and J. A. Yandle were elected Elders at the beginning. Both Arzal C. Reid and J. Solomon Reid, from Providence, were later elected Elders.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF SILER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A DAUGHTER CHURCH OF THE PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUBMITTED BY MRS. LIDE DUNN KNOX. (1951)

Siler Presbyterian Church was organized in Shady Ridge Township, Union County, North Carolina, October 22, 1895. Rev. Jesse W. Siler, pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church at the time, had been holding preaching services for two years under an improvised ' arbor '.

Several local families in what is now the Siler neighborhood requested Presbytery to help them organize a church. The Presbytery of Mecklenburg cooperated by appointing an organizing committee consisting of three ministers, Jesse W. Siler, H. M. Dixon and M. C. Arrowood and two ruling elders, William Stephenson of Banks and Frank Kuykendal of Providence.

All-day services were held on October 22, 1895. Rev. H. M. Dixon preached for the forenoon service and M. C. Arrowood for the afternoon. There was a large attendance.

The charter membership of the church consisted of twenty-nine local people. Ruling Elders elected were A. A. Davis and W. C. Campbell. Deacons: A. W. Davis, E. C. Deese and J. A. Dugger. The land was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Flyler. Building was begun immediately.

Rev. Jesse W. Siler served Siler while pastor at Providence until 1897 when Siler was grouped with Marvin under the ministry of H. M. Moon. Latterly, the church has been grouped with Indian Trail. It has grown steadily since the critical period 1901 - 1914.

SECONDARY SOURCE MATERIAL- NOTES FROM " THE HISTORY OF STEELE CREEK CHURCH - REV. JOHN DOUGLAS - REVISED AND EXTENDED BY THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE - REV. A.A.LITTLE, CHAIRMAN --- R.C. FREEMAN, SEC'Y. CHARLOTTE 1901."

Mecklenburg County was formed out of Anson County in 1762 in honor of the new queen Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg.

The original presbytery in the United States was that of Philadelphia, Pa., formed in 1706 with a membership of seven ministers.

The Synod of Philadelphia was formed in 1717. This Synod divided in 1741 into "Old Side" and "New Side" but reunited again in 1758 to form"the Synod of New York and Philadelphia".

The Synod of New York and Philadelphia divided in 1788 to form four Synods - (1) New York and New Jersey (2) Philadelphia (3) Virginia and (4) Carolinas.

Robert Henry of Donegal Presbytery was the first pastor of Steele Creek but his "labors brief". He died May 8, 1767. He was at that time a member of Hanover Presbytery having been set-off in the formation of that Presbytery in 1745.

James McRee was stated supply and pastor from 1778 until 1797. He came as a licentiate from Orange Presbytery.

South Carolina Presbytery came out of Orange Presbytery in 1784 and met for its first meeting at the church of the Nazarenes that year. Concord Presbytery came out of Orange Presbytery and organized at Centre Church in 1795.

James McRee introduced "Watt's Psalms and Hymns" to his congregation.

Humphrey Hunter followed James McRee and reckons to be the 3rd.pastor of Steele Creek. He came as a licentiate of the South Carolina Presbytery. 1804 - 1828.

Samuel Lytle Watson followed Humphrey Hunter from 1828 to 1840. He also was a licentiate from South Carolina Presbytery.

Pleasant Hill Church formed out of Steele Creek in 1834.

Samuel Williamson was a stated supply for Pleasant Hill and Steele Creek from January until November 1859. The two churches united in 1861 during the period of Samuel Carothers Alexander.

POEM WRITTEN BY A SEVENTEEN-YEAR OLD PROVIDENCE CHURCH MEMBER, EVELYN MOORE, ON THE OCCASION OF HEARING A SERMON BY THE REVEREND CARL G. HOMIN, MAY 2, 1943, HOMECOMING DAY.

" A FAITH OF MINE OWN "

" I wandered in the valley of darkness,
And all was wrong, it seemed.
I lay me down and slept;
With slumbers there came a dream.
My spirit soared upward,
When down from a Celestial Sky,
My Savior ascended on a cloud,
Hovering and lingering nigh.

'Twas thrice He whispered, ' Come ',
And thrice He beckoned me.
Thence we ascended to Heaven,
Before the Throne of Majesty.
My Maker greet'd me there,
And mine eyes beheld His own.
' To dwell in the Holy City ', He said,
Your faith must first be shown '.
' O, I have the faith ', was my reply;
' Of my fathers born of yore.
Sadly He shook His head;
' Thou must have, my, even more ',
' But who cannot equal my Fathers' faith
Who o'ercame the dungeon and sword?'
' Thou must if thou wouldst enter ',
Echoed the Voice of my Lord.

' My fathers were chained in prisons '
' Yes, your kinsmen put them there '.
Wrapped in only the faith of my fathers,
My soul felt naked and bare.

Not for a faith to move the hills,
But for a stronger faith I prayed.
One that would surpass that of my fathers,
And perfect the flaws they'd made.

So casting my ancestral robes aside,
With triumph I'd never known,
I was beclothed in a newer faith,
And this was a faith of mine own.
Then the throne became no more.
And the gates were spread wide.
Thus spoke my Lord again,
' Thou shalt not be denied '".

MEMORIAL GIFTS MADE RECENTLY. INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. PROBABLY INCOMPLETE.

1. Installation of new electric lighting fixtures in Church Building (Various Memorials)
********** Various Donors

2. Pulpit Furniture in Use in 1951
*****Mrs. Kitty Howard White

3. Shrubbery on Church and Manse Grounds (Various Memorials)
********** Various Donors

4. Library Books and Library Fund (David Matthews Memorial)
****Miss Minnie Downs et al

5. Pulpit Bible Markers (Parents)
******Miss Annie Dunn

6. Hymn and Record Boards (Edward C. Russell & Edward C. Russell, Jr.)
*****Mrs. Grace Russell

7. Minshal-Estey Organ (Parents)
****Mr. and Mrs. Eli Perkins

8. Mass Chimes (Service Men of World Wars I and II)
*****Women of the Church

9. New Church School Building Insulation (Parents)
****Hamilton and Norma Barber

10. New Church School Building Plumbing Fixtures and Installation (Parents)
*****Earle and Bess Thiree

11. Church Hymnbooks (Various Memorials)
********** Various Donors

12. Oak Flooring, new Church School Bldg. (Not designated)
********** W. H. Belk, Sr.

13. Chairs and Curtains, new Church School Bldg. (Not designated)
**********B. Frank Matthews

14. Pulpit Bible (Not designated)
******Friendly Sunday School Class

15. Four Brass Collection Plates (Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Coffey)
"""""""" from Frank D. Coffey

16. Two Silver Collection Plates (" To the Glory of God
in Memory of William Morrison Stitt ")

17. Communion Table " In Remembrance of Me "
""""""""" Virginia Rea Waltman Huntley

18. Memorial Rooms in new Church School Building:

(a) Memorial to David Matthews -
""""""" Friendly Class

(b) Memorial to Annie Helms Grier -
""""""" The Grier Family

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Text of the Upper Brass Plate on the Organ " To the glory of God and in memory of Caroline Clarkson and Brevard Davidson Springs "

Text of the Lower Brass Plate on the Organ " These Chimes are given in Memory of the Men and Women Who Served God and Country in Two World Wars ".

APPROXIMATE GROUPING OF PROVIDENCE WITH OTHER CHURCHES FROM 1764 to 1951. DERIVED FROM STATISTICS IN THESE RECORDS.

1.	1764 to 1765	with "Six Mile Spring"
2.	1766 to 1767	with Steel Creek & possibly Waxhaws
3.	1767 to 1768	with Waxhaws and Steel Creek
4.	1768 to 1769	with Steel Creek and Waxhaws
5.	1770 to 1779	with Clear Creek (and others)
6.	1780 to 1781	with Clear Creek (and others in Steel Creek - Providence section with ministry of Thomas Reese and James McRee)
7.	1782 to 1791	with Steel Creek
8.	1792 to 1819	with Steel Creek, possibly Sugaw Creek and pre-Charlotte Church groups under Wallis Ministry
9.	1820 to 1821	with Sugaw Creek under latters's Samuel C. Caldwell ministry.
10.	1822 to 1823	with possibly Six Mile Creek
11.	1824 to 1826	with possibly Six Mile Creek
12.	1827 to 1829	with Six Mile Creek
13.	1830 to 1831	with possibly Six Mile Creek
14.	1832 to 1870,71	with Sharon (possibly 1846 exception)
15.	1872 to 1874	with Unity (Fort Mill, S.C.) and Banks (in Marvin Ch. bldg.) "Chapel"
16.	1875	with Banks
17.	1876	with Banks and Pineville
18.	1877 - 1892	with Banks
19.	1893 - 1897	with Banks and Siler
20.	1898 - 1905	with Banks
21.	1906 - 1910	with Banks and Matthews in Parker pastorate.

22.	1911 to 1912	with Banks
23.	1913 to 1921	with Matthews most of this period.
24.	1922 to 1928	with Matthews
25.	1929 to 1933	possibly alone or with various under Garth supply.
26.	1934 to 1948	with Waxhaw (New Waxhaw)
27.	1949 to 1951 (present)	alone under Hayward pastorate.

EXTRACTS FROM CHURCH BULLETINS, SEPTEMBER 1949 TO OCTOBER 1951.

10/9/1949 " The beautiful color film of Home Mission work in the Kentucky mountains is scheduled for December the fourth: Highland Heritage ".

10/23/1949 " At 3:30 this afternoon this church will be honored by the presence of delegates from the Mecklenburg Presbytery who will install the Reverend Harold D. Hayward as Pastor. Moderator - the Reverend Doctor Hunter B. Blakley, President of Queens College ".

10/30/1949 (Call for the ' Queens- Charlotte Leadership Training School).

11/20/1949 " The Pastor preaches at the Jonesville Church (Negro) this afternoon at 2:30 ".

" Today's each offering will be combined with that of Thanksgiving Day and go to the Berium Springs work of our church and Presbytery".

12/11/1949 " Program of Christmas Music by the Matthews Choral Society and the telling of the Christmas Story by Miss Janet Robinson at 4 P.M.".

1/22/1950 " Sunday, February 12th., 7:30 P.M. Film of the Protestant Film Commission ' Konji Comes Home '. It tells the story of a Japanese soldier who returns after the war to find home and family gone and how his friendship with a Christian Japanese girl and his conflict with communism point to a new life ".

1/29/1950 " Next Sunday it is hoped that Miss Nota Magnus from Korea will be present to address us ".

2/12/1950 " The head of Christ by Sallmann, hanging behind the pulpit (temporarily) was purchased by the Young People and Friend by the Pioneer class of the Church School ".

4/9/1950 " Cottage Prayer Meeting at the Manse this week ——— Charlotte Evangelistic Campaign begins April 16 at the Armory ".

" Today - Easter Dawn Service at 5:30 A.M. With breakfast following ".

5/14/1950 " Today's additional offering ——will go towards the Presbyterian work in connection with the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, Inc., at Greensboro ".

5/7/1950 (New-type church bulletin with line-drawing of the church by Charlotte's leading artist - Kenneth Whitsett)

5/21/1950 " The envelopes today will be used for the Alexander Home (Charlotte)".

6/18/1950 " The Daily Vacation Church School Program opens tomorrow morning at 8:30 ".

10/8/1950 " Please reserve Sunday evening, 7:30, October 22, for motion picture taken last year inside China and showing the work of the China Inland Mission including areas where your pastor and Mrs. Wagner formerly worked ".

10/15/1950 " This Week, Monday, Oct.16, 7:45 P.M. A Red Cross Standard Course in First Aid ".

11/12/1950 " Friday, Nov.17, Men's Fellowship with Supper followed by an address by our neighbor, the Reverend A. M. Faulkner".

11/26/1950 " Dec.17 - Christmas Play. This should be a wonderfully presented animated Sermon by the Women of the Church entitled ' Why Christmas?'".

12/17/1950 " At 4 P.M. the Pineville Men's Choris will render a program of Christmas Music and Miss Janet Robinson will tell the Christmas Story ".

12/24/1950 " 6 P.M. the Young People will go carolling throughout our neighborhood hoping to reach most of the homes where there may be the ill or the aged ".

12/31/1950 " Eight O'Clock - Showing of the New Mission Film on the Near East- ' South of the Clouds '".

1/7/1951 " Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists of Mecklenburg County are uniting for a huge religious census undertaking to be conducted on Sunday, February 4 ——".

2/18/1951 " A special call for Lent and Easter - good used clothing for the needs of suffering people overseas dispensed under united church auspices of the Church World Service. Bring your clothing to the Community House ".

4/4/1951 " The Johnson C. Smith University program last Sunday sponsored by the young people was well-attended ".

4/8/1951 " The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Day came to the generous amount of $ 50.66 ".

" A nice thankyou letter for the Christmas gift has been received from the Spooner family in the Belgian Congo ".

4/15/1951 " Annual Homecoming Communion Service and Basket Lunch Sunday, May 6, 1951. The pastor will speak in the a.m. and possibly Professor Eberhardt in the p.m. There will be some splendid music in the program ".

5/6/1951 " Sunday next - Mother's Day. Offering for Presbyterian Home for the Aged ——".

" The Communion Offering goes towards the Deacon's Fund designed to meet any emergency local need in Providence ".

5/13/1951 " The Youth Fellowship wish to thank those who helped make their birthday book a success ".

" The Providence Men's Club meet this Friday, May 18, at 7:45 P.M. —— Our guest speaker will be Mr. John L. Hunter recently returned from Pakistan and India. His talk on ' The Indifference of Our Country as a Nation against Communism ' will be timely and will be based upon recent experiences during Mr. Hunter's visit in the Far East. One of the Circles will provide the refreshments ".

5/20/1951 " This Friday, May 25, at 7:30 P.M. Ice-Cream Supper and Entertainment. Program by Sheldon Hutchinson. —— This fine program and supper is sponsored by the Friendly Class in the interest of church fellowship and fund-raising for the new building ".

" Friday, June 15, at 8 P.M., Wednesday Wedding and Ice-Cream Supper. A program of rollicking fun and with good ice-cream and cake - homemade! This is sponsored by the Young People of our church ".

6/10/1951 " June 24, Sunday, at 7 P.M. Miss Ruth Porter from Shanghai, China, will speak on a very important topic ".

6/19/1951 " The officers of our church have unanimously approved the church's participation in the Tithing Adventure for the thirteen weeks beginning with September 1st.——".

9/16/1951 " Mrs. Patsy D. Turner of Canoe, Ky., whose story appears in the first chapter of " By Faith " will be our guest at Providence on the morning of Sunday, October 14th. October is home missions month and we are fortunate to have such a fine dynamic speaker as our guest ".

9/23/1951 " Rally Day falls on next Sunday, the 30th. September. A special program for the day has been prepared by the Sunday School Superintendent to be followed by appropriate dedication services for the new building. This great occasion in the life of Providence Church should encourage a large attendance at church school ".

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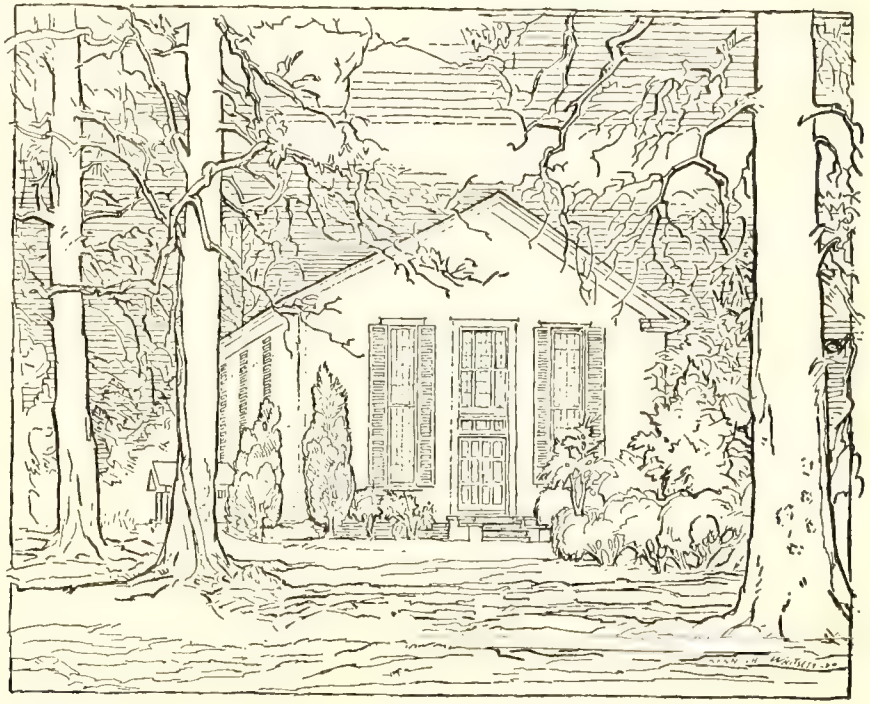

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